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The Bread Snatcher.

BY THOMAS DUNN ENGLISH.

For two whole days we had no food,
For dark, gigantic want
Beside our cold hearth-stone sat down,
With Hunger grim and gannt.

My wife and children made no moan,
Nor spoke a single word;
Yet in the chamber of my heart,
Their hearts' complaint I heard.

Awearied by their weary eyes,
I left the house of wo,
And on the dusty village street
I paced me to and fro,

I stopped me at the baker's shop,
Wherein my eyes could see
The great round loaves of wheaten bread
Look temptingly on me.

"My children shall not starve!" I cried—
The famine in me burned—
I slyly snatched a loaf of bread,
When the baker's back was turned.

I hurried home with eager feet,
And there displayed my prize;
While joy, so long afar from us,
Came back and lit our eyes.

To fragments in our hunger fierce
That sweet, sweet loaf we tore;
And gathered afterwards the crumbs,
From off the the dusty floor.

While yet our mouths were full, there came
A knock which made us start;
I spoke not, yet I felt the blood
Grow thicker at my heart.

The latch was raised, and in there came
The neighbors with a din;
They say I stole the baker's bread,
Which was a grievous sin.

They took me to the Judge, who said
'Twas larceny—no less;
And doom'd me to the gloomy jail
For wanton wickedness

He asked me why the penalty
Of guilt should not be paid;
And when I strove to state the case,
He laughed at what I said.

Then growing grave he rated me,
And told me it was time
To check the vices of the poor,
And stop the spread of crime.

In jail, for three long months I lay—
Three months of bitter wo—
And then they opened wide the door
And told me I might go.

From out the prison I did not walk,
But ran with trembling feet,
Down through the hall and past the door,
And up the busy street.

My feet had scarce devoured ten rods
Of ground, before a hearse
Came slowly on with coffins three,
Each coffin with a corse.

I asked the driver as he sung,
Therein who might he bear;
He answered not, but stopped his voice,
And on me fixed a stare.

The one beside him turned his head,
And when the hearse had passed,
I heard him to the other say—
"His head is turned at last."

I heeded not—I hastened home,
And entered in my door,
Where silence, like a snake, crept out,
And slimed along the floor.

Our old cat from the corner came,
And crooked her back and cried;
I stooped me down and patted her,
And then I stood and sighed.

I left the house and sought the street—
My mind was growing wild;
And playing in a pile of dust,
I saw a chubby child.

"Come hither, my little dear," said I,
"Where did the people go,
Who lived within yon empty house,
Two years, or nearly so?"

Then spoke outright the little child,
While I grew deadly pale—
"The man, sir, was a wicked thief,
And he was sent to jail.

"His wife and children hid themselves,
But they were found to-day;
And in the gloomy poor-house hearse
Were taken far away.

"They say, they never will come back,
Because the three are dead—
But was it not a wicked thing
For the man to STEAL THE BREAD?

A ROYAL EAGLE.—For some time since, says a late Swiss paper, an immense eagle was observed to frequent the rocky country near the village of Auribeau (Basses Alpes), and a young man, from whom it had taken off several lambs, lay in wait to get a shot at it. He managed so well that he was able to fire at it with a ball just as it had swooped down on a rabbit, and he succeeded in killing it almost instantaneously. It measures nearly nine feet from the tip of one wing to that of the other.

Steve Simmons Learns how to Play Poker.

BY CHEVALIER JACK.

There used to be gay old times on the Mississippi when "flat-boats" were in the heyday of their glory. Flat-boats—there never was anything in the world to equal them for sport, and I don't believe there ever will be again. Characters—I reckon they were characters—those jolly flat boatmen!—"rough, tough fellows, and devilish sly"—up to anything, from a quiet game of old sledge, to a "free fight, count in and count out." Corn dodgers and bacon was the staple dish on which the "flatters" fed, and they thrived amazingly on that dish.

Dance! they were "tremenjous" on a dance, and when in the vicinity of a town and the flat "tied up" for the night, they would stroll off to the dance house, and jig it away until daylight. I served my apprenticeship on one trip, and had a good opportunity to become acquainted with the lights and shadows of "flat-boatmen's" life.

Before I had cut my eye-teeth or arrived at what was called the years of discretion, I had a notion that New York was not quite big enough to contain my genius, and I had to "travel" to cultivate my precocious intellect. Fully impressed that the South was the only region fit to live in, with perpetual summer, and darkies to wait on you and pass around the juleps, I started from York Island with fifteen dollars in money, a rather shabby wardrobe, three shirts and a carpet bag, bound for "Orleans."

I had tried the sailing vessels for a passage, but found them a "huckleberry above my persimmon," and concluded to chance the overland route until I could get passage down the Ohio, any way or any how.

I will not describe how and where I wandered, sometimes on foot and sometimes on the deck of a stage, way up and across the Alleghanies, until I finally reached "La Belle River Ohio." My funds, during my peregrinations, had grown very short; and I was on my "bottom dollar," when a chance turned up for a passage down the river.

I "shipped" for the trip on an old flat that had just commenced taking in a cargo of whisky and corn, and did six pretty fair days' work, trimming corn in the old boat's hold. But as all things must have an end, we got through with the loading—untied from the warehouse levee and started down the river. As usual with sailors, either fresh or salt water dogs, all hands and the cook had laid in plenty of ballast in the way of "bald face," and were staving drunk on the afternoon we commenced our voyage. The revelries were kept up for several days, until the supplies of "private bottles" were exhausted; and it was only on our entrance into the "father of waters" that the boys "simmered down."

I believe, during the time of the "boy's" spree, I was the only "hand" fit for duty, and performed all the work necessary to be done in "poling," not having signed articles as an able-bodied seaman, to "reef, hand and steer."

We were joined on our way down by numerous other flats bound to Orleans, and when we lay together, drifting slowly along, the customary civilities were interchanged. The only amusements that varied the monotony of the life we led were the scrapings of an old darkey patriarch on a pine fiddle, or "wyoleen," as he termed it, and exercise at cards. We had a pretty sharp set of card players on our flat, and each one prided himself on his great ability in "turning Jack" or "stocking the papers."

As it was useless for so much intelligence to confine itself to the "pent up Utica" of our flat, the boys took turns in visiting their neighbors, to indulge in a friendly game, generally returning winner of "many a bit," and pretty well *sogged* with whisky. The game of "turning Jack" every deal when just "one to go" had pretty well played itself out, and our friends had begun to smell a large mice, and "backed down" on all friendly invitations to a game.

It turned out, however, that our neighbors were up to a thing or two, and could box the compass on card practice with the best of our men. There was an old rusty fellow that always refused to play on account of his eyesight being bad, and gave, as an excuse, "that he couldn't watch the papers." Uncle Steve Simmons was a very dry old customer—dry in his observations and dry always when whiskey was mentioned.—In fact, Steve Simmons was all dried up except when he was "drunk clean through," as he termed it.

Uncle Steve paid us a visit one day and as a matter of course was bantered for a game of cards. Steve declined as usual, on account of not being able to "watch the papers;" but the boys pressed the old man pretty hard, and even offered to learn him how to play "full deck poker."

Steve would only play for fun, until he understood the game, as it was a long time since he handled a deck of "*keards*," and he wanted to get his hand in before he chanced a "bit." The boys felt that the old man was good game for them if he only warmed up a little, and the "corn juice" was circulated around Steve's ribs until he began to feel his oats and began to "talk turkey."

The boys thought they had the old man sure, and proposed to raise the "ante," just to make lively. Steve put up, and looked out of one corner of his eye as the boys chipped in and cut for deal.

"Now, Uncle Steve, all you've got to do is to watch the papers and you'll win certain."

"Aye, aye, boys; corn juice is a workin' and Steve Simmons won't go blind nary once."

I noticed that Steve was pretty careful how he held his hand, and occasionally put his cards in his pocket, as he said to "watch the papers." I found that Steve invariably won the "pot" when he hid the cards, but our boys thought it was only one of the old man's capers and made no objection. Steve had been very quietly raking down several pots and "sinking" the proceeds, and before long two of our boys were flat broke.

At every deal Steve would sing out—"watch the papers, boys, old bald face is a workin'—and Steve Simmons don't go blind nary once." The game had now become a trial of skill between Steve and "Big Lishe," and all hands watched the game with deep interest. A deal by Lishe, that I knew was "put up" for Steve, made me watch how he was going to get out of it. Steve chipped in, and of course Lishe went "better," and finally put up his pile and "called" Steve, on three acres and a king.

"You don't size my pile, sonny; there is four deuces, if my name is Steve Simmons, and I have watched the papers."

Sure enough, Steve had four deuces, and Lishe caved in, completely cleaned out—in reputation as a card player, and money also.

Steve paid his respects to the whisky jug once more, and jumping into his skiff, left us with a parting request that we would take his advice the next time any of us played full deck poker, to "watch the papers." It was some days before Lishe could bear the sight of a pack of cards, and accident alone explained how Uncle Steve had played advantages on him.

It seems the old fellow had figures cut out of paper to cover the middle spot on a card, and had the backs glued so that he could wet his finger and clap them on in a second, and make two pair any time he pleased.

I could readily account now for Uncle Steve's continual working the cards in his pocket.—Lishe swore that if he ever caught Uncle Steve, he would give him a hoosier hug that would make him "ache;" but Steve was out of the way up the Red River before Lishe found the necessity of "watching the papers."

A Lover in the Woods.

They have a good story going the rounds of some of the Western papers, of a young man not a thousand miles from Cedar county, Iowa, the facts of which are said to have occurred some time ago; but so good a story never grows old:

A certain young man in search of a wife, being on a courting expedition, as is customary with young men, came late on Sunday evening, and in order to keep his secret from his young acquaintances determined to be at home on Monday morning, bright and early, so that his absence would not be noticed. But his affianced lived several miles from the town in which he sojourned; and so, to overcome the distance required the use of a horse. Mounted on his horse, dressed in his white summer pants, and other fixins in proportion, he arrives at the residence of his inamorata, where he is kindly received, and his horse properly taken care of, by being turned into the pasture for the night.—The evening—yea, the night—passed away, but how is nobody's business. Three o'clock in the morning arrived. Our hero was awake—may be he had been so all night—but it matters not, three o'clock is the time for him to depart, so that he might arrive at home before his comrades were stirring. Not wishing to disturb the family of his lady-love, who were then wrapped in the arms of Morpheus, he sallied forth to the pasture to catch his horse; but here was a difficulty—the grass was too high and loaded with dew. To venture in there with his white pantaloons would rather take the starch out of them and lead to detection. It would not do to put on his unmentionables; so he quickly made a resolve. It was three o'clock in the morning, and nobody stirring, so he carefully disrobes himself of his valuable "whites" and places them in safety on the fence, while he gives chase with unscreened pedals through the wet grass after the horse. But the steed was fond of clover,—and had no notion of leaving it. But our hero was not to be thwarted, although he began to realize the truth of the old adage about the course of true love, etc., and finally the horse was captured.

Returning to the fence where he had safely suspended his lily white unmentionables—*O Mirabile Dictu!* what a horrible sight met his eyes! The field into which his horse had been turned was not only a "horse pasture," but "calf pasture," too, and the naughty calves, attracted by the white flag on the fence, had almost eaten them up!—only a few well chewed fragments of this once valuable article of his wardrobe now remained—only a few threads—just sufficient to indicate what they had once been! What a pickle this was for a nice young man to be in!

It was now daylight, and the industrious farmers were up and about, and our hero far from home, with no covering for his "traveling apparatus." It would not do to go back to the house of his lady-love, as they were now up, and how could he get in without exhibiting himself to his fair one, which might ruin his match? No, no, that would not do. Neither could he go to town in that plight. There was only one resource left him, and that was to secrete himself in the bushes till the next night, and then get home under the cover of the darkness. This he resolved to do, and accordingly hid himself under a thick growth of bushes.

Safely hid he remained under the protection of the bushes for some time; and it may be imagined that his feelings towards the calf kind were not of the most friendly character, but ere long his seclusion was destined to be intruded upon. The family of the fair one seeing his horse still remaining in the pasture, inquired of the lady what she had done with her lover.—She was nonplussed. She only knew he had left about three o'clock in the morning. Things didn't look right; if he had gone why did he leave his horse? Suspicions were awakened.—By and by, the boy, who had been out to feed the calves, returned with the remnants of the identical white garments which adorned the lower limbs of their late visitor. They were torn and mangled to threads! An inquest was immediately held over them. Some awful fate had befallen the young man. The neighbors were summoned to seach for his corpse, and the posse with all speed set out with arms and dogs to the search. The pasture was thoroughly scoured, and then the adjacent thickets, when lo! our hero was driven from his lair by the keen scent of the dogs, all safe, alive and well, but minus the linen. An explanation ensued, at the expense of our hero but he was successful in the end, and married the lady, and is now living comfortably in one of the little towns in Iowa.

A Wonderful Story.

The following wonderful story appeared several years ago, from the pen of an unknown author:

The other morning, at the breakfast table, our friend, the Hon. John C. Calhoun, seemed very much troubled and out of spirits. You know he is altogether a venerable man, with a hard, stern, Scotch Irish face, softened in its expression around the mouth by a sort of sad smile which wins the hearts of all who converse with him. His hair is snow white. He is tall, thin, and angular. He reminds you very much of Old Hickory. That he is honest, no one for an instant doubts; he has sacrificed to his fatalism his brightest hopes of political advancement—has offered upon the shrine of that necessity which he worships all that can excite ambition—even the Presidency of the United States.

But to my story. The other morning at the breakfast table, where I, an unobserved spectator, happened to be present, Calhoun was observed to gaze frequently at his right hand, and brush it with his left in a hurried and nervous manner. He did this so often that it excited attention. At length one of the persons composing the breakfast party—his name, I think, is Toombs, and he is a member of Congress from Georgia, took upon himself to ask the occasion of Mr. Calhoun's disquietude.

'Does your hand pain you?' he asked of Mr. C.

To this Mr. Calhoun replied, in rather a flurried manner:—

'Pshaw! It is nothing! Only a dream I had last night, and which makes me see perpetually a large black spot—like an ink blotch—upon the back of my right hand. An optical illusion, I suppose.'

Of course these words excited the curiosity of the company, but no one ventured to beg the details of this singular dream, until Toombs asked quietly—

'What was your dream like? I'm not very superstitious about dreams; but sometimes they have a great deal of truth in them.'

'But this was such a peculiarly absurd dream,' said Mr. Calhoun, again brushing the back of his right hand; 'however, if it does not intrude too much on the time of our friends, I will relate it to you.'

Of course, the company were profuse in their profession of anxiety to know all about the dream. In his singular sweet voice, Mr. Calhoun related it:

'At a late hour last night, as I was sitting in my room engaged in writing, I was astonished by the entrance of a visitor, who entered and without a word took a seat opposite me at my table. This surprised me, as I had given particular orders to the servant that I should on no account be disturbed. The manner in which the intruder entered, so perfectly self-possessed, taking his seat opposite me, without a word, as though my room and all within it belonged to him, excited in me as much surprise as indignation. As I raised my head to look into his features, over the top of my shaded lamp, I discovered that he was wrapt in a thin cloak, which effectually concealed his face and features from my view. As I raised my head he spoke:

'What are you writing, Senator from South Carolina?'

'I did not think of his impertinence at first, but answered him voluntarily—

'I am writing a plan of the dissolution of the American Union, (you know, gentlemen, that I am expected to produce a plan of dissolution, in the event of certain contingencies.)

'To this the intruder replied, in the coolest manner possible:

'Senator from South Carolina, will you allow me to look at your hand—your right hand?'

'He rose, the cloak fell, and I beheld his face. Gentlemen, the sight of that face struck me like a thunder-clap. It was the face of a dead man, whom extraordinary events had called back to life. The features were those of General George Washington—yes, gentlemen, the intruder was none other than George Washington. He was dressed in the Revolutionary costume, such as you see in the Patent Office.'

Here Mr. Calhoun paused, apparently agitated. His agitation, I need not tell you, was shared by the company. Toombs at length broke the embarassing pause:

'Well, we-e-ll, what was the issue of this scene?'

Mr. Calhoun resumed:

'The intruder, as I have said, rose and asked me to look at my right hand. As though I had not the power to refuse, I extended it. The truth is, I felt a strange thrill pervade me at his touch; he grasped it and held it near the light, thus affording me full time to examine every feature. It was the face of Washington. Gentlemen, I shuddered as I beheld the horribly dead alive of that visage. After holding my hand for a moment, he looked at me steadily, and said in a quiet way:

'And with this right hand, Senator from South Carolina, you would sign your name to a paper declaring the Union dissolved?'

'I answered in the affirmative. 'Yes,' I said, if a *certain* contingency arises, I will sign my name to a Declaration of Dissolution.' But at that moment a black blotch appeared on the back of my hand; an inky blotch, which I seem to see even now. 'What is that?' said I, frightened, I knew not why, at the blotch on my hand.

'That,' said he, dropping my hand, 'is the mark by which Benedict Arnold is known in the next world.'

'He said no more, gentlemen, but drew from beneath his cloak an object which he laid upon the table—laid it on the very paper on which I was writing. That object, gentlemen, was a skeleton.

'There,' said he, 'there are the bones of Isaac Hayne, who was hung at Charleston by the British. He gave his life in order to establish the Union. When you put your name to a Declaration of Dissolution, why you may as well have the bones of Isaac Hayne before you; he was a South Carolinian, and so are you. But there was no blotch on his right hand.'

'With these words the intruder left the room. I started back from the contact with the dead man's bones, and—awoke. Over-worn by labor, I had fallen asleep, and had been dreaming.—Was it not a singular dream?'

All the company answered in the affirmative, and Toombs muttered, 'Singular, very singular,' at the same time looking curiously at the back of his right hand, while Mr. Calhoun placed his head between his hands and seemed buried in thought.

Revolutionary Anecdote.

The following revolutionary anecdote is related in the *Virginia Illustrated:*

"In one of Tarleton's marauding expeditions in the interior of Virginia, his troops stopped to breakfast at the plantation of old Major Hardy, the father of the present squire. All those of the household that drew the sword were with the armies of their country, but they had by no means carried with them all their pluck and patriotism.

"The good lady received her visitors with so much spirit that it seemed she still considered her house her own, and she still appeared to give with haughty hospitality what her unwelcome guests would have taken as a matter of course. The officers who breakfasted in the house were awed in respect by her manner, and her houses and barns were spared a fate that befel many others. But the passage of such a troop was like a visit of the locusts of Egpyt. Fodder-stacks had disappeared, granaries were emptied, meat houses rifled, piggery and poultry yard silent as the grave. The matron contemplated the devastation with swelling indignation. All gone—all. If they had been Washington's troopers she would have gloried in the same sacrifice; but to be forced to give nourishment and strength to those who might soon meet her husband and sons in battle—that was hard indeed."

"The negroes had returned from their hiding-places, and stood grouped around, with eyes fixed upon their mistress but not daring to break silence. Presently an o'd Muscovy drake crept out from beneath the corn-house where he had taken refuge during that reign of terror. The sight of this solitary and now useless patriarch was the feather that broke the camel's back; the matron's patience gave way under it.

"Jack," she screamed, "catch that duck!"—With the instinct of obedience, Jack bounced upon the wheezing waddler. "Now mount that mare—mount instantly!"

"With countenance of ashy hue, and staring eyes, Jack obeyed the order.

"Now ride after the troopers, ride for your life. Give my compliments to Colonel Tarleton—mind, to no one else—the officer on the black horse—give him my compliments, and tell him your mistress says he forgot to take that duck."

"Away went the messenger at full speed after the retreating cohorts.

"Well, Jack, did you deliver that message?"

"Sartain, Missus."

"To Colonel Tarleton himself?"

"Sartain, Missus."

"And what did he say?"

"He put duck in he wallet, and say he much 'bliged."

During the May anniversaries in New York, the following dialogue was overheard between two of the newsboys: "I say, Jimmy, what is the meaning of so many preachers being here altogether?" "Why," answered Jim, "they always meets here once a year to exchange sermons with each other."

HOOPS—A LADY'S OPINION.—A lady in the Newburyport *Herald* says:

So we will say a few words on hoops. Don't call us a bear, dear readers, nor throw away this paper in disgust, for we are not about to join our brother knights of the quill in their crusade against crinoline; but, Don Quixote-like, we will espouse the cause of distressed damsels, though we "face a frowning world." We hereby add an article to our confession of faith. We believe in hoops. Mind, we say *hoops*, plural number. Deliver us from that abominable, single, hogshead hoop, which many ladies wear about knee high, showing its entire shape through a single flimsy skirt, dragging down by its weight the dress to the shape of a cone, while the part of the skirt below the hoop flaps, winds and reefs around it in every wind that blows. Not much improvement is the addition of one or two other hoops, unless they are graduated in size according to the height of the wearer, and covered by skirts of sufficient thickness to hide the skeleton, than which nothing could be more hideous, unless it were a veritable skeleton from the graveyard.

The only skirt that looks uniformly graceful is that made of a series of rattan, whalebone or brass hoops, extending from the waist to the feet, gradually increasing in size with that graceful swell that gives to the dress the airy contour of a blue bell; preserving that golden mean in regard to circumference that modesty and good taste will ever dictate. The hoops in this skirt should be so near together that they will lose their individuality, and "make no sign" underneath the thinnest summer dress; for herein lies the advantage and whole philosophy of the hoop movement, inasmuch as it allows one skirt to give that fullness and grace which has hitherto been attainable only by half a dozen.

After all, the genuine crinoline is the thing, which, as its name imports, is a kind of hair cloth, which by its own innate virtue, without the aid of hoops, will preserve its elasticity and inflated character, without the awkwardness that at times is inseparable from its humble imitator. The expense is the only objection to its general adoption, which for the ladies' sake, we hope may soon be removed.

REALLY SOMETHING NEW AND FEARFUL.—A new and fearful mode of execution has been adopted by the King of Delhi. The instruments and process are thus described: A box, each side of which is fifteen feet square, is constructed of timber about eighteen inches thick, dove-tailed together, and braced with iron rods. The outside of the bottom of the box is covered with a plate of beaten iron, one inch in thickness. The interior is filled with perfect cubes of granite, weighing in the aggregate several thousand tons. A machine is erected after the manner of an ordinary pile driver, but of course on an enormous scale, and of tremendous strength. The mass is raised by powerful machinery cast in Birmingham for the express purpose, though it is to be presumed that the machinist, by whom the work was furnished, had no idea of the horrible purpose for which it was intended. The human victim is placed upon a block of granite, of a corresponding surface, buried in the earth immediately beneath the enormous mass, and covered with a plate of iron. At a signal given by the vicramadack, the executioner touches a spring, the mass falls and the victim crushed at once, is suddenly annihilated, and spread out like a sheet of pastboard!—The huge weight being again raised, the flattened body is withdrawn, and dried in the sun. When completely prepared, it is hung over the wall of a public building, there to serve as a warning to the multitude.

NOTHING MORE PATHETIC.—Here is a story, chronicled by John of Brompton, of the mother of Thomas a' Becket. His father, Gilbert a' Becket, was taken prisoner during one of the crusades by a Syrian Emir, and held for a considerable period in a kind of honorable captivity. A daughter of the Emir saw him at her father's table, heard him converse, fell in love with him, and offered to arrange the means by which both might escape to Europe. The project only partly succeeded; he escaped, however, but she was left behind. Soon afterwards, however, she contrived to elude her attendants, and after many marvellous adventures by sea and land, arrived in England, knowing but two English words, "London" and "Gilbert." By constantly repeating the first, she was directed the city; and there, followed by a mob, she walked from street to street, crying, as she went, "Gilbert! Gilbert!" She at last came to the street in which he lived; the mob and the name attracted the attention of a servant in the house; Gilbert recognized her, and they were married. We doubt if any poet, if even Chaucer, imaginative as he was, ever conceived sentiment in a form so vital and primary as it is realized in this fact.

A VELOCIMETRE—An instrument for measuring and registering the velocity of vessels while under sail at sea, recently invented, has been attached to the steamship Moses Taylor. The mechanism is described as consisting of a "drag," which is attached to the keel, midway of the vessel, playing forward or backward in a journal. This drag is deflected from its perpendicular position, just in proportion to the resistance of the water, which is, of course, greater or less as the vessel moves faster or slower, and the amount of the deflection is registered by a connecting rod on a dial plate in the main cabin, which is capable of recording twenty knots an hour, and 400 a day. The correct time is given by a chronometer. It is claimed for the velocimetre that it will record the distance from New York to Liverpool within a mile, whereas by no other process can it be ascertained within fifty miles.

PIUS IX ON FOX-HUNTING.—Late Italian papers state, that his Holiness Pius IX has prohibited fox-hunting and steeple-chasing in the Papal dominions, in consequence of several serious accidents which have recently taken place in the neighborhood of Rome. The immediate cause of his placing his veto upon these branches of field sports, was the sudden death of a distinguished Roman gentleman, Signor Bossi, near the Appian way, occasioned by a fall while leaping a double ditch.—It is said that a large deputation of ladies, whose lords were given to the sports, are entitled to the merit or censure of bringing his Holiness to his veto.

CHARMS FOR TOOTHACHE.—A person professing to be a Christian, has been detected in Syke, Scotland, in selling charms to cure toothache. One of these charms reads as follows:—"St. Peter sat on a marble stone weeping and crying, the Lord Jesus came bye, asked what aleth thee Peter, my Lord God it's my tooth, arise then Peter and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt never have the toothache. Given to A——B——in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. ⋈ ⋈ ⋈." Such is a specimen of these blasphemous documents.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—A shocking and peculiar accident recently occurred at Mountain Ash, South Wales, Great Britain, to a man named David Thomas, who earned his bread as a limeburner at some lime kilns belonging to the Navigation Coal Company. It was proved at the inquest that the deceased was engaged at the kiln in question, superintending the burning of some stones into lime. Taking up a long iron bar which was kept there for the purpose of thrusting among the stones when any hitch occurred, he went towards the mouth of the kiln. His wife begged him to keep back from so dangerous a position, at the same time reminding him that if the stones should slip he would be drawn with them into the burning kiln. He said, "Oh, never fear; I will take care of that;" and, disregarding his wife's repeated supplications, he stepped forward to the top of the kiln, and commenced thrusting at the stones with his iron bar.—For a few moments the mass remained firm and resisted his attempts to disturb it; but, upon his increasing the violence of his thrusts, they began to descend, and as his unhappy wife had predicted to draw him with them. As he descended slowly the fiery stones closed around him, until at length the lower part of his body became completely embedded in the burning mass. His shrieks were heart-piercing, and his agonised wife endeavored to pull him out. The state of the kiln made this a work of difficulty and of the greatest danger, and when at length she did seize his hand and endeavored to drag him out, she found, to her horror that the burnt flesh yielded to her touch and came off in pieces, rendering it impossible for her to obtain any hold. The horrors of her situation can be imagined, not described. At length her cries attracted the attention of a number of men who were standing near an adjacent colliery, and they contrived to throw a rope around the poor sufferer's body; but, alas! they found that they could not succeed in getting him out. At length some one suggested that an iron bar should be placed under him to lift him out. This was done, and the frightfully charred body of the still living man, some portion of which had been literally burned to a cinder, was got out. Of course human strength could not survive such sufferings, and he died.

THE LAST ASTEROID—VIRGINIA.—The asteriod discovered at the National Observatory, 4th of October last, by Mr. Ferguson, has, we understand, been called Virginia. The name, though not in perfect conformity with the canon previously adopted in respect to these bodies, which was to designate them after the Dee Minores of the Mythology, has, nevertheless, been allowed and adopted by the astronomers of other countries. Indeed, after having christened, or rather paganed, one of them Victoria and another Eugenie, it would have been uncharitable to have objected to this name, celebrated in ancient and modern songs and story, and also one of the appellatives of the most celebrated of English Queens.

This asteriod was also discovered on the 10th of October, (fifteen days after the discovery here,) by Dr. Luther, of Dusseldorf. It is the fiftieth of the group between Mars and Jupiter, of which eight have been discovered during the past year. Of those already known, Euphrosyne (discovered by Mr. Ferguson, in 1854) has the largest orbit, and Flora the least; the semi-axis being respectively 3.156 and 2.201 in units of the mean radius of the earth's orbit. Their diameters vary from 49.4 to 4.4 German miles, Vesta being the largest and Atalanta the least.

It is possible that these planetary boulders may extend beyond the orbit of Jupiter, in which case they would not be discovered with the optical power now applicable to this purpose. If confined to the firing in which they have hitherto been found, there may be from three to five hundred of them; so that the females of one mythology will not furnish a directory sufficiently copious to designate them, and astronomers will have to come down among the river goddesses and saints. We may then expect to have St. Agatha, St. Bridget and St. Cunegonda in the same starry cotillion with Juno, Ceres, Pallas and Circe.

The French astronomers, apprehending a scarcity of good names, have begun to call their annexations of this class after the principal cities of France so we have Paris and Marseilles apotheosised, under the names of Lutetia and Massalia. An English discoverer has called his planet Isis; though, whether after the river at Oxford, or the Egyptian divinity, does not appear. The fifty already discovered have been found by fourteen different discoverers.

HOW TO ESTIMATE CROPS PER ACRE.—A friend communicates the following method of making an estimate of the yield per acre of a growing crop of wheat, rye, oats, or barley, which he says has been found correct in England. As it seems easy of application, and approximately correct we give the plan, and hope it will be tried at the next harvest time:

Frame together four light sticks, measuring exactly a foot square inside, and, with this in hand, walk into the field, and select a spot of fair average yield, and lower the frame square over as many heads as it will inclose, and shell out the heads thus enclosed carefully, and weigh the grain. It is fair to presume that the product will be the 43,560th part of an acre's produce. To prove it, go through the field, and make two or three similar calculations and estimate by the mean of the whole number of results. It will certainly enable a farmer to make a closer calculation of what his field will produce, than he can do by guessing.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A teacher was lecturing a class of little girls on the influence of pious instruction in the formation of youthful character. "Ah, Miss Caroline," said he to one of the class, "what do you think you would have been without your good father and pious mother?" "I suppose, sir," answered Miss Caroline, "I should have been an orphan."

"Thilure, dear," said a loving husband to his loval spouse, who was several years his junior, "w at do you say to moving to the West!" "Oh, I'm delighted with the idea. You recollect when Morgan went out there, he was as poor as we are, and he died in three years worth one hundred thousand dollars."

IN TOWN.—We were happy to see the gentlemanly editor of the FIREMAN'S JOURNAL in town this week. He was, for four years, an active correspondent of the Sacramento *Union*. He is an able writer, an amiable acquaintance, and a jovial companion.—*Folsom Dispatch.*

Wordsworth did not possess the sense of smell, and never but once did he have the satisfaction of enjoying through this faculty the Nature he loved so well. This was by a bed of stocks in full bloom, and the enjoyment was like a vision of paradise to him.

A gentleman was once making fun of a sack which a young lady wore. "You had better keep quiet," was the reply, "or I will give you the sack." "I should be most happy," was the gallant response, "if you will give it to me as it is, with yourself inside of it."

A Louisiana paper gives an account of a fight on a steamboat between a lady and a gentleman over a backgammon board. The cause of this novel affray is not stated. Probably the gentleman *treyduced* his fair partner.

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, - - - - - - - Editor

SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1858.

☞ For Military Matters see third page.

We deem the establishment of the office of Fire Inspector of such importance, that a few further remarks upon his duties and usefulness, are considered worthy of a place in our columns. In our former article, we made a brief enumeration of the functions which we thought pertained to his office. In the following lines, we hope to show how a proper performance of those functions may affect the welfare of our citizens. This officer will bear the same relation to the fire defence of the city, that the Chief of the Police does to the Municipal Government.—His duties would commence with the first inspection of the causes which might lead to a conflagration. The most common of these arise from the careless and insecure construction of the habitations of our citizens; and their origin is therefore almost simultaneous with the laying of the foundations. Were the officer whose creation we advocate, in the active and faithful performances of his duties, these causes would be almost entirely prevented. For his duty requiring him to be present at the commencement of a building, care would be taken that, if intended to be composed of combustible materi- it should be located at a secure distance from its neighbors; or, if of more incombustible materials, that the party walls should be of sufficient thickness to protect it from danger by fire from contact with the adjoining buildings. Under his supervision the foundations would be securely laid, the walls compactly and strongly raised, the floors properly fastened in the walls, and the roofs and windows amply protected. The flues and pipes for gas, hot air, or water, and the furnaces arranged with a due regard to security. If the building was at an inconvenient distance from any supply of water, he should require that a well or reservoir should be constructed, and kept continually full of water upon the premises. When the edifice was finally completed, according to his requirements and instructions, he should give a certificate of its fire proof character to the owner, setting forth its perfect or comparative security from danger from fire; which certificate would be of great use to the proprietor in obtaining insurance at any time, and as a partial exemption from further visits of examination by the Fire Inspector. We believe that this estimate of the Fire Inspector, would generally be accepted by the Insurance Companies, in preference to any report or examination of their own agents; because it would be that of a more competent person.—We think, moreover, that such an officer would be far better able to judge of the capacity of a building to resist fire, than any ordinary person, or even a master builder; for the reason that he brings to his work a knowledge founded upon a long and trying observation of the causes of conflagration, and of its speed when it has once arisen; while the latter form their estimate chiefly upon theory or a superficial knowledge of what constitutes an incombustible or fire proof structure; or perhaps worse than all, upon appearances merely. That the master builders and owners are not the best judges, we have too many sad convincing proofs—in the many disastrous and extensive conflagrations, which in former years have devastated our city; among the smoking remains of which might be noticed the smouldering ruins of many a lordly edifice upon whose substantial proportions the architects had once gazed with pride, and boasted of their perpetual immunity from fire, and which nevertheless; yielded almost as readily as the light, wooden and less pretending tenements, which in the time of the disaster flamed up around them. In fact, that our habitations may be built in a safe and substantial manner, it is necessary that a competent person should superintend their construction; and what person could you find so fit as a practised and experienced fireman, whose life is passed in battling with the destructive element, and whose constant study must naturally be the sources and causes of its rise and progress. Yet, great and important as are the duties of this officer in superintending the raising of a building, his usefulness does not end there. It rather begins; for ever afterwards he must exercise over it a constant watchfulness, and continually guard against any improper, unnecessary, or careless use of fire by its occupants. If in spite of all his care, a building should take fire and be consumed, he should enquire narrowly into its causes, hold in fact a kind of inquest over its remains, and if there should be reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an incendiary, he must be vigilant in having the offender brought to justice; and for that object use full police power in obtaining witnesses and necessary evidence to have the culprit convicted and punished, if guilty; or, if he should find upon such inquest that the unfortunate event proceeded from natural or accidental causes, he should publish a report of his investigations, to serve as a warning, and to prevent in some measure a recurrence of a like misfortune. As a good judge or ruler should ever be attentive to the complaints of enormities committed by his fellow men, examine into them with fairness and justice, and punish if founded in truth, or dismiss when arising from malice, so the Fire Inspector should lend a ready ear to the notifications or warnings made by the citizens of danger caused by the carelessness of their neighbors, give them a speedy consideration, and by a timely interference prevent any disastrous consequences. The sentinel upon the watch tower of a beleagured city, whose duty it is to alarm the slumbering inhabitants of the approach of the enemy, performs an office of not half the importance of a Fire Inspector. We believe that if such an officer had been established and in the performance of his duty, we would not have to chronicle half the number of disasters, nor would our citizens have to mourn as they now do, the loss and destruction of homes and property. Let such an office be created, and our citizens may sleep in comparitive security, and our brave firemen will not be as now, summoned at most untimely hours, to rush to the most diverse parts of the city, to check the progress of a sudden fire. For by preventing the causes, the effects are avoided, and by the careful watchfulness of such a guardian officer, there may be obtained a state of uninterrupted repose and peaceful security.

THANKS.—We are indebted to Messrs. Wells Fargo & Co, for favors extended this office during the week.

Jeffers' Engines.

Wm. Jeffers of Pawtucket, R. I., commenced business in the year 1848. The first engine built by him was the Gaspee, of Providence, R I. He has built nineteen engines and about as many hose carriages, and has manufactured some 10,000 feet of hose. He has on hand orders for twenty-five engines of the end and side stroke style. It may not be out of place to give the playing of a few of his engines, as follows:

Gaspee, of Providence, R. I., double deck, 1¼ inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 204 feet horizontal.—Same engine, 400 feet hose, 183 feet horizontal.

Numeange, of New London, double deck, 1 1-16 inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 210 feet horizontal.

Yale, of South Reading, 1 inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 220 feet horizontal. Same engine, ⅞ inch nozzle, 400 feet hose, 206 feet horizontal.

Conqueror, of Indianapolis, double deck, 1 inch nozzle, 100 feet hose, 214 feet horizontal

Rhode Island, of Pawtucket, double deck, ⅞ inch nozzle, 300 feet hose, 182 feet high

Niagara, of Fall River, double deck, 1¼ inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 204 feet horizontal. Four streams, through 50 feet hose, ⅝ inch nozzle, 120 feet high.

Niagara, of Brooklyn, L. I., double deck, 1⅛ inch nozzle, 150 feet hose, 206 feet horizontal. Same engine, 1⅛ inch nozzle, 450 feet hose, 152 feet high.

Neptune, of Dayton, Ohio, side stroke, ⅞ inch nozzle, 400 feet hose, 206 feet horizontal.

Ocean, of Springfield, Mass., side stroke, ⅞ inch nozzle, 400 feet hose, 174 feet high.

Laport, of Laport, Ind., side stroke, ⅞ inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 220 feet horizontal.

No. 1 of Toledo, Ohio, side stroke, ⅞ inch nozzle, 1500 feet hose, 60 feet high.

Alert No. 1, of Adrian, Mich., side stroke, 1 inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 230 feet horizontal.

Neptune, of Chicago, Ill., side stroke, 1 inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 215 feet horizontal. Same engine, 400 feet hose, 190 feet horizontal.

Franklin 3, of Brooklyn, N Y., side stroke, 1 inch nozzle, 100 feet hose, 204 feet horizontal, 174 feet high. Same engine, 350 feet hose, 193 feet. 8 inches horizontal.

Deluge, of Northampton, Mass., side stroke, ⅞ inch nozzle, 400 feet hose, 163 feet high.

Orgontz, of Sandusky City, Ohio, side stroke, 2 streams, 1 inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 140 feet high

Vigilant 9, of San Francisco, side stroke, 1¼ inch nozzle, 100 feet hose, 195 feet horizontal.

The Gaspee engine has taken several prizes at firemen's tournaments—in New Haven in 1853, in Hartford in 1857, and in Providence in 1857. The Deluge, of Northampton, in Hartford, in 1854; the Vigilant, of Charleston, in that city, at the annual balls of 1856 and 1857; the Augusta, of Augusta, Geo., in 1856 and 1857; the Washington, of Savannah; the Niagara, of Brooklyn, L. I., at the Crystal Palace, in 1855; the De Witt Clinton, at the World's Fair, in New York, in 1853; the Torrent, of Mobile, Ala., in 1856; the Deluge, of North Brockfield, in Springfield, in 1853; the Neptune, of New Orleans, against No. 8 of Mobile, for $500 a side, in 1854, and several others of note, have all gained prizes of varying value.

Editorial Correspondence.

ORLEANS HOTEL,
SACRAMENTO, March 12th, 1858,

During the past week there have been a number of prominent officers and members of the San Francisco Fire Department visiting the Capital; among them David T. Van Orden, First Assistant Engineer; Florence Mahony, President and H. A. Cobb, Treasurer of the Department. David Scannell, Foreman of Empire 1, and Ira Cole, Foreman of Manhattan 2

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood made their first appearance in this city, and were received by a densely crowded house, in "Hi-a-wa-tha," and the "Little Treasure." They were most enthusiastically received. The play as was the case in San Francisco, did not please, but in its presentation Mr. Maguire showed his usual forethought, as in the plays which have been given since then, the artistic talents of the performers have shone forth brilliantly. Mr and Mrs. Wood, are supported by a splendid company, equal to any that I have ever seen together in this city. The newspaper critics(!) are as wise as owls in regard to their notices, but notwithstanding all they say, there can be but one opinion in regard to Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and that is "they are performers of the highest order of talent in their line." In their case crowded houses each night they appear, are the best cricism as to their merits.

The committee of arrangements of the ball lately given by Confidence Engine Company No. 1, of this city, made their final report at a meeting of No. 1 held last evening, in which it is stated that the nett profits of the entertainment amount to eleven hundred and twenty one dollars and fifty cents, which makes that ball the most profitable one ever given by firemen in the State.

The Board of Delegates of the Fire Department held a special meeting last evening, it being for the purpose of taking into consideration some matters appertaining to the powder magazine, It appears that three feet of that structure is built upon the lot of a Mr. Goddard, who desires either to sell or purchase that of the fire department. The Trustees advised the Board to sell the magazine and lot to Mr. Goddard, he offering $750 for the same but the Board did not agree with the Tustees, but considered it better to entertain proposals for the purchase of Mr. Goddard's lot, which I believe he is willing to sell for $450. Unless Mr. G. is a very poor man. I think he is rather pushing the department too hard in settlement of the matter. The lot is of such a size that the three feet cannot injure in the least. B.

VIGILANT'S HOSE CARRIAGE.—The hose carriage recently imported by Vigilant No. 9, has been taken to the shop of Mr. J. L. Ottignon, to be placed in order and repainted. The iron work was very much rusted, and it will require considerable labor to re-polish it, the painting and gilding was also so much chafed and rubbed that it will be necessary to repaint it. The carriage is a beautiful piece of mechanism. It was built by Messrs. Pine & Hartshorn, N. Y, and has their celebrated patent running gear, the whole of which including the tongue is iron. The frame supporting the spool is of wrought iron polished; the frame of the spool is covered with stout sheet iron, which is painted a deep maroon and appropriately gilded.—Above the fulcrum on either side are brass plates with the word "Vigilant" upon them; the front and back lockers seem to be mahogany; on the front one is painted in gold "organized February 2d, 1852," on the back "Vigilant." In front is a belfry containing two bells. The running gear is painted maroon striped with gold, and the wheels red also striped with gold. Altogether the carriage is a beautiful affair, and a piece of apparatus the company may well be proud to own. It will probably be a fortnight or three weeks before she is ready for delivery to the company.

THE "MILD CIGAR."—A real Havana cigar, one that will send the smoker into a musselman's seventh heaven, may be procured at the "Old Coaner," corner of Washington and Montgomery sts A new invoice of the weed has just been opened, and, having tried them, we pronounce their flavor delicious, and recommend our friends to experiment in the same manner.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The proceedings of the Board now-a-days may be summed up as follows: Meet; call the roll; count noses; result one man short each side; motion to adjourn from both sides, carried; general rush to the door; loud cursing from the pipe layers.

DOWNIEVILLE.—Improvements to the value of $71,438, have been erected in Downieville since the fire of January 1st.

Official.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Stockton Fire Department was held at the Hall of Eureka Engine Co. No 2, on Tuesday evening, March 9th, 1858. The President being absent, F. C. Andrew, of No. 1, was called to the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. McKenzie, Dillon, Sanderson, Wurster, Seilnachdt, Choate, and Burton.

Minutes of last regular meeting, and of the adjourned meeting held Feb. 16th, were read and approved.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the books and report of the Treasurer, and found the same correct. Report received, adopted, and placed on file.

Communication from Protection Hook and Ladder Company, giving notice of the resignation of H. W. Fortune, was read, received, and name ordered erased from the register.

Communication from Eureka Engine Company No 2, requesting the Board to confirm the re-instatement of an expelled member of said company, and allow his time back to the date of his expulsion, was read, received, and placed on file.

After some discussion, the following resolution was offered, but not adopted:

Resolved, That this Board do hereby confirm the re-instatement of ————, an expelled member from Eureka Engine Company No. 2, and allow his time from Jan. 8th, 1856, the date of his expulsion, to the time of his re-instatement. Ayes, 1; nays, 8.

The Secretary was then directed to notify No. 2 of the action of the Board.

Communication from the City Clerk, giving notice of the action of the Common Council on the proposed law for the Department, was read, received, and ordered on file.

The bills of *Republican* Office, for advertising, were ordered paid.

Moved, that the Board now take up the proposed law for the government of the Department for consideration. Carried.

Mr. Choate moved that the whole matter be laid on the table. Lost.

Mr. Choate moved that the bill be referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next regular meeting. Lost.

The several amendments, viz: leaving the payment of salaries to the Chief Engineer and Secretary optional with the Council, striking out the section requiring a specific appropriation for the maintenance of the Department, and others, were offered and adopted.

Mr. Sanderson then offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to forward a copy of the bill as amended to our representatives, with the petition of this Board that the same pass the Legislature.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

Letter from Howard.

YREKA, March 4th, 1858.

Editor Fireman's Journal:—Since the advent of the late storms in this northern section of country, prosperity assumes a radiant appearance with the miners and business men, although much damage has been occasioned by the freshets of the different streams throughout the county. Claims have been filled up with water and tailings, flumes, ditches, etc, damaged to a considerable extent.—The dry diggings, however, are being worked with great success, and new diggings are being discovered. A piece of pure gold, weighing seventeen ounces, was taken out of a claim on Greenhorn last Saturday. At Indian Creek, Deadwood, Scott River, Humbug, and Hawkinsville, the mines are yielding rich reward to the industrious miners.

On Thursday night last, a most horrible murder was committed in this city, at No. 71 Miner street, on Victorine Massey, an abandoned female, by being stabbed in four places on the left breast, in the region of the heart, with a bowie-knife, by some unknown person. The murder is supposed to have been committed about 2 o'clock in the morning, as a scream was heard by two persons, who took no further notice of it, on account of such noises being quite common in that neighborhood; and on entering her room about 10 o'clock the same morning, her lifeless body was found lying on the floor in her bedroom. The object of the murderer was plunder, as her trunks were all broken open. No clue has as yet been found to the guilty party.

Society in Yreka is fast assuming the old fashioned down east style, but with a less degree of suavity and good intent, from the business-like eagerness of leading members to gain their own particular ends, in discarding the good, and creating and nourishing capital of evil report, that each may claim to be a Cæsar or Diana, in their own estimation. Our pedigrees are known; those of strangers discovered by degrees, and the least sense and most brass holds the highest head—We have a number of benevolent societes, fire companies, debating societes, etc.; but the extremes are the E Clampsus Vitus and the sewing society.

An alarm of fire occurred on Sunday evening, by the burning of a chimney, creating some little excitement.

The city tax is nearly all collected for the Fire Department purposes, and will not exceed six thousand dollars.

Dr. T. J. Cabaniss was elected an honorary member of Siskiyou Hook and Ladder Company, at their last meeting; the doctor offering his services gratuitously to any member injured at fires. Dr G. C. Furber, President of the Board of Trustees, was also elected honorary member of Yreka Engine Company, at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Hubbard, formerly Chief of the Sacramento Fire Department, has been sojourning among us for the past week, arranging the Northern Telegraph business, and collecting the second instalment, with flattering success. The route of the line has been changed from the Sacramento route, to the Trinity, via Weaverville and Scott Valley.

Lewis Ramey, an old resident and extensive cattle dealer of this county, was frozen to death in crossing the Umpqua Mountains, while traveling in Oregon, during the late storms. He was accompanied by another person, who reached the settlements in a famished condition.

Yours, HOWARD.

MRS. WOOD AT SACRAMENTO.—We gather from the Sacramento papers, and through private advices, that Mrs. Wood was received with much enthusiasm at the capital, and each succeeding evening that she appears proves a new triumph. The pieces are not received by the press with much favor; the "reps." like to appear knowing, and they certainly are to be excused for the exhibition of a little vanity.

MANHATTAN 2.—The large engine formerly used by Manhattan No. 2, is to be stored on the premises of Mr. H. D. Cogswell on Front street, that gentleman having generously offered the use of his store house free of charge. We think the Supervisors cannot do better than turn her over to "Worth," and let the amount realized, go towards the building of a new one. It is the most speedy plan to get a new engine for No. 2, and we think quite as much will be realized, as will accrue from keeping her lying in a warehouse for six months or a year. Here is an opportunity to give a job to a San Francisco mechanic at a trifling expense, and should be improved.

From Our Regular Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, March 11th, 1858.

Editor Fireman's Journal:—Fire talk for the past week has been very "scarce"—no alarm for ten days.

Our city has been enlivened by the presence of several prominent firemen from your city, viz:—D. Van Orden, F. Mahony, and H. A. Cobb. I believe they have all "gone home."

Neptune Hose are without a Foreman—John Talbot, their nominal one, having turned "a b—y miner in search of shining gold;" however, it don't make much difference, as their carriage is not ready for use yet.

No. 6 have had their jumper repaired: I wish I could add, and dusted. *Now* there ought to be energy enough in No. 4, to raise money to get *their* cart painted, as they can have the use of the relief cart.

There has been some enquiry as to who was intended by "the company afraid of water." I did not intend anyone else to know than the company to which I alluded, and if their conscience does not disturb them, then I have had my labor in vain.

There has been any amount of talk during the last two days, growing out of the report of the State Agricultural Fair, in which it appears that the executive committee award the third trumpet to No. 6 of this city. It will be recollected that prizes of three trumpets were given to the three best engines, and that No. 1 of this city, by some *locus pocus* on the part of the judges, managed to secure the trumpet for the third class engine. The executive committee decided that No. 6 beat No. 1, which everybody knew before, and that, therefore, No. 6 is entitled to the trumpet. Now, the question arises as to where is the trumpet. It is supposed to be in the possession of No. 1; if it is, will they give it up? If not, will not the Society have to give another to No. 6? But we shall see what we shall see.

I am informed by Mr. Boluck that he will obtain from 225 to 250 subscribers in this city, which I consider doing very well considering we have only about 400 firemen here. Hoping to give you a longer letter next week, I remain with you,

Amicus firemen, J. LINGOLAY.

From our Baltimore Correspondent.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4th, 1858

Editor Fireman's Journal:—Presuming that a few words relative to fire matters in the "City of Monuments" would be found worthy of perusal by the San Francisco firemen particularly the large portion hailing from this their native State, we have found time to pen these and premise (if acceptable) to keep the firemen of California posted for the future, through your valuable journal, on the doings of the Baltimore United Fire Department.

Our Department is worked upon the "free and independent" principle. The machinery held by the several companies is in every case their own property by right of purchase; and in many instances, the handsome and well furnished property occupied by them is also their own, over which the city holds no control. Each company in the Department receives an annual appropriation from the city of $800, which, together with the income derived from contributing members ($5 each), their many wants are met, provided economy is practised We have no head—no chief. It is entirely optional with the several companies whether they attend fires or not; and it they do, how long they shall remain in service. In justice to our firemen, however, we would state that so far the valuable service they have rendered the community has proven them sufficient in number to meet any emergency that has required their aid. A change is greatly needed in the Department, which will doubtless be affected by the city councils at their present session.

The annual meeting of the Fire Department was held on Monday evening last, and the following gentlemen elected to serve the ensuing year:

President—Thos. Creamer, Engine Co. 7.
1st Vice ditto—John Cummins, Engine Co. 22.
2d Vice ditto—Hugh B. Jones, H. and L. Co. 1.
3d Vice ditto—G. Blensinger, H. and L. Co. 2.
Secretary—Jas. Young, Engine Co. 12.
Treasurer—H. Bolton, Engine Co. 6.

It is contemplated by the Department to hold annual balls, for the benefit of the fund for disabled firemen. We hope, however, their intentions may not be carried out, as the benefit accruing from such an entertainment would fail to pay for the stigma that would be cast upon us on the occasion by the conduct of blackguards who would gain admittance as firemen.

Fire Inspector Boyd has recently made his report to the city councils. It is a well written document, and embraces many suggestions, which if adopted will be found beneficial to the city. His tabular statement also gives the number of alarms since July last to be 219.

In the way of fires we have had but few "working ones" recently. During the past month, there were 47 alarms, 20 of which were for working fires; the balance includes chimneys, false, &c.

The Fire Department never was in a better "working" condition than at present. All companies who are disposed to be active are supplied with excellent accomodations for bunkers, and bunk on an average eighteen men per night. They also jump quick and do good duty. It is precisely what we have needed for some time past. If this movement had been made in summer time, we would be inclined to think it would be of short duration; but as it has but recently taken this start, we have hopes of it being faithfully carried out.

In the course of our remarks we may indulge in a few touching on bunking, also, incidents of interest connected with the several companies.

The Holliday Street Theatre has been doing a good business recently, with show pieces and a good stock company, including Chas. Bass, who is now permanently engaged. Chas. Matthews will shortly appear at this theatre, followed by Edwin Forrest, Edwin Booth, Joe Jefferson, Laura Keene, Geo. Jordan, and others, who will successively appear.

William Ellis, lately connected with the Holliday, is hopelessly insane at the Mount Hope institution, near Baltimore.

The Front Street Theatre will be opened on Monday, 8th inst., under management of Theodore Hamilton and D. H. Howard. Agnes Robertson is announced to open with.

Wyman, the magician, has drawn crowded houses at the Museum the past month.

Yours, ZEPHYR.

ASPHALTUM FOR ENGINE HOUSES.—The floor of Knickerbocker Engine House No. 5, is to be repaired by putting down an asphaltum floor, which it is proposed to commence making immediately.—This will be the first asphaltum floor to an engine house in the city. It will be put down as smooth as marble. This improvement will test the value of such pavements for engine houses. The work is to be done by Messrs. Skinner & Bonney, the same persons who put down the excellent asphaltum pavement in the station house.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A man named Christian Stubing was burned to death in his cabin on Poorman's Creek, near Alpha, on the night of Feb. 28. It is the impression that he was first murdered, robbed, and the cabin afterwards set on fire.

BALL.—The National Guard of Downieville propose giving another ball on the 26th proximo.

Theatrical.

MAGUIRE'S OPERA HOUSE.—The legitimate drama has been produced this week at the Opera House, to the exclusion of plays of the lighter character. In the beginning of the week, the "Iron Mask," an historical piece, in which the trials of the mysterious occupant of the Bastile are so fearfully portrayed, was presented to large and intelligent audiences. On Wednesday evening, the "King of the Commons" was produced, followed on the succeeding nights by "Hamlet" and "The Bridal."—With these plays, the greatest intellectual efforts of their respective authors, the evenings of our theatre habitues have been profitably employed.

Mr. J. W. Wallack assumed in the play first mentioned the character of Leon de Bourbon, supported by his lady as Hortense de Piermont. It was a thrilling representation throughout, and the spectators found it impossible to refrain from exhibiting the interest they felt in the progress of the events of the piece in enthusiastic applause. The "King of the Commons," on Wednesday evening, was another masterly rendition, and Mr. W. was complimented by the audience in unmistakable terms. This piece is a pleasant, agreeable production, portraying the nobler qualities of our nature; and, without exciting that intense feeling which at times is almost painful, it enlists our sympathies and interest to so great a degree that we are lost to everything but the scenes before us. In the scene in which the fidelity of Lord Seyton is questioned, and in which his honor is finally vindicated, the acting of Mr. Wallack was grand and truthful. We could wish to do this particular portion of the play, as well as several scenes between the king and Malcolm Young, full justice, but our limits forbid enlarging upon the details. The representation as a whole, afforded us much pleasure, and will form one of those bright remembrances that a true lover of the drama so delights to recall.

The rendering of the principal female characters having fallen to Mrs. Wallack, it only remains to say they were given with a correctness and an excellence that can only be acquired by long continued and arduous study. Were her talents displayed more brilliantly in one personation than in another, Queen Gertrude, in "Hamlet," could claim the distinction. Although the prominence of this character is somewhat shaded by the greater light of the haunted Dane, Mrs. Wallack succeeded in making a decided impression.

Among the more meritorious members of Mr. Maguire's excellent company, we may mention with favor the name of Mr. J. A. Smith. This gentleman has a sound judgment in matters pertaining to his profession, is always appropriately costumed, and we have yet to notice in him any imperfection in the knowledge of the parts assigned to him.—Mr. Booth has also filled his position with unusual ability and discretion. We are pleased to notice that Mr. Kingsland is rapidly ascending in his profession, and have no doubt that ere long he will assume a prominent place upon the boards. In regard to several others of this troupe we have to regret the imperfect manner in which they attempt a performance, and could they realize for a moment how much their want of memory really mars many beautiful passages, they would without doubt use herculean efforts to correct the evil.

To-night, the first benefit to Mrs. Wallack takes place. Shakspeare's exquisite play entitled "A Winter's Tale" has been selected—the beautiful charater of Hermione by the fair beneficiary, with Mr. Wallack as Leontes. As no pains or expense have been spared by the management to produce this piece in an elegant style, we may expect a most excellent entertainment.

LYCEUM.—This new place of amusement will open to-night, with Miss Albertine as the principal attraction. The plays "Asmodeus" and the "Young American Actress," will be presented, and as the company is of a strong comedy cast, there can be no doubt of it proving immensely attractive. The hall has been fitted up with all the requisites for a pleasant resort, and the moderate charges of admission will tend to make it extremely popular with our citizens.

The following pointed paragraphs we copy from an article in *Emerson's Magazine*, being a comment on the plays of Charles James Cannon. The writer entertains peculiar views in regard to the stage, and we fear will find but few in the profession to coincide with him. We give the extract for its pithiness:

Still we contend some good has been achieved in the Drama even now; better things have been written than our own people realize, and better than the actors are able to present. The latter, for the most part, are the veriest machines in creation, who follow the old stereotyed modes of the stage, the manner of presenting a character which has come down by tradition, or otherwise, without the remotest idea of anything better, and woe to the child of genius who attempts any innovation If he have not a sturdy self reliance he will be overwhelmed and crushed by the sneers of his cotemporaries and the yelpings of the press. In this way the few who have been able to achieve celebrity have come up through a perfect storm of ridicule and reproach.

Every person of taste and discrimination knows that nothing is more dreary and common-place than ordinary stock acting. Few such attend the theatres except when the attraction of a star is presented. We sometimes hear the uninitiated regret that these persons of genius are not better sustained in the subordinate characters. To ourselves this is of little consequence. A Drama worth representation is always first a study in the closet, and we go, not to see how this or that small actor presents his part, but to witness the reading of the man or woman of genius.

When Booth, for instance, played Richard III., all the rest of the play might have been given in dumb show so far as we were concerned. We saw nothing, heard nothing but the wonderful little man, whom genius transfigured to a giant. We forgot we were in a theatre, and lived on the broad acres of old England, amidst the intrigues of courts and the stir of the battle field. It was not Booth but the veritable Richard who turned his back upon the audience, and now glared with his sardonic smile, and now glozed with his serpent tongue, till even we, (disregarding the interpolations of Cibber), saw how those oily accents were likely to seduce the heart of the shallow Lady Anne.

FIREMEN.—The Placerville *Index* says: We are indebted to Mr. Ellis for the information that Neptune Engine Company No. 2 will, in a few days, receive for temporary use, some nice apparatus from their friends at San Francisco. One of the above company has received a letter from Mr. Whitney, Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department, stating that the apparatus would be forwarded immediately. There is certainly a degree of energy manifested by the No. Twos which is eminently praiseworthy. We are glad to have it in our power to tender the heartfelt thanks of the Neptune boys, to Mr. F. E. R. Whitney, for the attention which he has manifested for their welfare as well as for our city.

TAYLOR STREET CISTERN.—Will some of the movers in the project of the cistern at the corner of Taylor and Clay streets give us some information as to their progress in that matter? Some three weeks since, we understood that the necessary funds were nearly subscribed, and that the money would be collected and the work commenced forthwith; since then matters have remained quiet. Hurry up gentlemen, remember the old adage, "in time of peace prepare for war."

FOLSOM.—The citizens have contributed $150 for the purchase of a fire bell This will buy a bell weighing two hundred pounds, and which can be distinctly heard in any house in town. It will cost about sixty dollars more to build a belfry.

Obituary.

The following very pathetic obituary notice, of a pet dog attached to a fire company not three thousand miles from Sacramento, has been sent us for publication. We give it place, not so much for its intrinsic merit, as we do for the pure spirit of fellow feeling evinced throughout the production by the brother members of Syksey:

WHY OUR DOG DIED, AND HOW HE WAS BURIED.

Our company had a dog—a little wee bit of a dog. The pet of all of us, and Sykesey was his name. He never knew a mother's care, for he was suckled from the bottle. One night—one fatal night—our dog complained of being unwell. A bed was made for him in one corner of the bunk-room, and two bunkers were appointed for the *dogwatch*. What must have been the feelings of those two bunkers, as, by the light of one solitary candle, they sat watching the death struggles of him who was so soon to leave this vale of tears, and enter the unknown realms of Dogland?

At 9½ A. M, Sykesey breathed his last. As soon as he was dead, Doctor Hold proceeded to hold a *post mortem* examination upon the body. After the most scientific researches, it was found that the *morus marus ticularas* was highly inflamed, the *E pluribus unimber* was slightly distended, and the *beefamania* was full to repletion. The Doctor gave it as his opinion, that he died from the want of a proper circulation of air through the bronchial cavities. Great preparations were then made for the funeral obsequies. The flag-staff was taken down from his companion's doghouse, and a red flag, symbolical of his fatal and sanguinary end, was hoisted at half-mast, thereby depriving Doctor Hold of his best bandanna; the staff was planted at the head of his grave, and the flag reluctantly waved in the breeze as if it was in drooping spirits. Precisely at 11½ o'clock, A. M., the procession started for the back yard in the following order:

Six pall bearers. | Body in camphine can. | Six pall bearers.
Chief Mourner, Hero.
The defunct's milk bottle, borne by Dr. Hold.
Unpaid milk bill, carried by Steward.
Milk-cup of deceased, carried by Hornblower.
Hero's collar, draped in mourning, carried on a sheet of paper by torch boy.
Friends of deceased on foot.

Four times did this mournful pageant encircle the immense area (twenty by twenty-five), and then, in deathlike silence, stopped by the grave, where the last solemn rites were administered. Mr. Wisemantz stepped forward, and in a clear, calm voice, delivered an appropriate address for the occasion, and ended by saying that here was a sad example of the fatal effects of *cork*. The doctor in an audible voice expressed his dissent, and said something about poison and the epigastric juices, but was interrupted by the chief mourner, who found vent for his feelings in a dismal howl of grief and sundry gymnastic exercises not set down in the programme. His friends quieted him by copious doses of boot leather, applied externally. After which the friends of the deceased gathered around the grave and with heads uncovered sung the following dirge to the tune of *Old Lang Syne*.

Poor *Sykesey*, he has gone to rest,
We mourn, and ever shall;
We hope he now is with the blest,
For he was a good an-i-mal.

Oh! he was gentle as a dove,
And knew no base design;
He had two ears on his head above,
And a tapering tail behind.

Oh! we shall never see him more—
So playful and so kind;
He had a pair of legs before,
And also two behind.

His foster *parient's* in the mines,
A delving there for gold;
He little thinks his only child
Is in his grave, so cold.

On this sad and mournful occasion, the vast concourse of people, numbering a thousand or less, preserved a perfect silence, with the exception of one small boy, who expressed a wish to pinch his tail to make sure he was dead. This artless request was complied with, much to the disgust of the Doctor, as he thought the request reflected upon his medical qualifications. The body was raised and carefully deposited in its narrow home, and then the assistants proceeded to shovel the earth over the coffin As the clods fell upon the metalic covering it seemed as if they beat a mournful requium over the departed.

A number of distinguished persons were invited to attend who were not present. Among the rest was J. Lingolay, Esq., who would, undoubtedly, have been present, but the person who was sent with the invitation reported that he could not find the house. And thus ends the funeral of Sykesey.

"We ne'er shall look upon his like again."

Letter from Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 3d, 1858.

Editor Fireman's Journal:—The Fire Department of this city had a hard time of it on Saturday morning. A fire occurred in the extensive furniture manufactory of Henry Radford, No. 68 Fulton street. The fire broke out a few minutes after 12 o'clock, in the varnish room, on the fifth story.—The Department worked with a will for five hours. The value of the stock in the building was estimated at $60,000, and the building at $16,000.—Loss on the stock about $20,000, and on the building about $5,000. The insurance on stock and building is $28,000.

The number of fires and alarms in the Western District for the past three years is as follows:

1st District—Fires		63;	Alarms		9
2d	"	"	53;	"	14
3d	"	"	67;	"	16
4th	"	"	38;	"	8
5th	"	"	33;	"	10
6th	"	"	11;	"	1
7th	"	"	42;	"	5
Total		307;			63

In 1855, fires, 93; in 1856, fires, 122; in 1857, fires, 92.

In 1855, alarms, 25; in 1856, alarms, 14; in 1857, alarms, 24.

The Fire Commissioners are overhauling some of the companies for violation of the city ordinance, in relation to running the engines on the city railroad. The companies in fault so far are Engine Companies 3, 10, 13, and 19. The law is that each and every person having hold of an engine, hose carriage, bucket, or hook and ladder truck, are liable to a fine of $10, or suspension or expulsion from the Fire Department. The cases have not been reported on as yet; but I suppose that each member will be suspended for three months. The Board of Fire Commissioners is a one-horse court any way, and the Department is becoming dissatisfied with them, and well they may. It takes them longer to decide on cases than the old Fire Department Committee. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on Monday night last, Mr. Van Brunt, one of the Commissioners, tendered his resignation; and in May next, Mr. Smith's time is out.

There is strong talk of a playing match between two of our engines for $500 a side. Should it come off, I will send you the full particulars.

Yours, ACTIVE.

THE TELEGRAPH SALOON.—The saloon with this title has become widely celebrated since our friend Andrew J. Reed, has become "major domo."—Andy's jovial disposition and genial temper has won him hosts of friends; while the superior quality of the liquors kept at the "Telegraph," has been such as to give the establishment a first class reputation. We regret to learn that Andy has made up his mind to go East next steamer; but as he assures us it will be but a flying visit, we must be content We are acquainted personally in Andy's "diggings" at home, and are satisfied he will have a good time. The house will be conducted as usual during his absence.

GOOD PRACTICE.—Eureka Engine Co. No. 2, was out on trial Saturday afternoon, and though not fully manned, threw a distance of 157 feet, through an inch nozzle and 100 feet of hose,—*Stockton Argus*.

FIRE.—Forrest City narrowly escaped destruction by fire on 4th inst, two fires occurred there in one day.

Fires and Alarms.

March 7th, 11 P. M.—Alarm from Monumental Bell. False.

March 9th 4 P M.—Alarm from Tiger's bell; chimney of dwelling house on Mission near Second street; no damage. Tiger 14 and Howard 3 on the ground.

March 10th 12 P. M.—Still alarm, Golden Eagle Saloon, Kearny between Jackson and Pacific streets; Incendiary attempt. Nos 12 and 10 on the ground.

THE DOG AND FOX CROSS.—At one period a great deal was written in *Bell's Life* of the fox and dog cross, and it being understood that half-bred animals do not reproduce their kind, perhaps the following facts may prove of some little interest to the naturalist, as well as to those who hunt the wily animal himself. The vixon, the joint offspring of the two separate species, fox and dog (an account of which appeared in your last season's paper), bred a couple of litters of whelps by a terrier dog, and although remarkable and beautiful creatures of their sort, yet they ran so much to fox in nature, it was found impossible to thoroughly domesticate them, or to trust them at large. Last Spring, the vulpo-canine vixen had whelps by a white terrier dog of a choice breed, and a dog and bitch of that litter now prove of a different nature to any of their predecessors, and their appearance color, and form are seldom or never seen. The dog is black and tan, with very much white (marked like a hound), and in shape resembles a terrier dog, with head, ears, and muzzle purely fox; the whole countenance, too, is expressive of that very beautiful of all wild quadrupeds. He favors the canine race, is perfectly domesticated and tractable, and has the note and upright stern of the dog. The bitch is badger-pied, with very much white, but is all fox to look at, and resembles, in size, the lowland fox, common in all hunting countries, and only requires a brush to make good the sketch; and if you viewed any such animal from a "blooming evergreen gorse covert" in Northamptonshire, with a pack of hounds in the background, you would "tallyho her away;" in truth she might be termed a piebald fox which you will say is at any rate a curiosity. These animals are simply "fancy articles," but it is a fact due to the subject, as it somewhat upsets the theory that the produce of the fox and the dog should of necessity prove mules. Whether or no the two last-mentioned animals—two crosses from the fox—will still breed on, remains for another season's trial.—R. T. *in Bell's Life*.

ONE DOZEN CHAIRS.—A boarder at the International Hotel, informs us that if you enter the office or bar room of this place of entertainment about ten or fifteen minutes

The Military.

INDEPENDENT CITY GUARD.—We learn that at the last meeting of the Independent City Guard, a new and beautiful uniform was adopted. It is to be somewhat similar to the Light Guard of New York, and will consist of white close-bodied coats with scarlet trimming, blue cloth pantaloons, and bear-skin caps. The company contemplate a thorough re-organization which will doubtless increase their numbers and efficiency.

A Board of officers, to consist of Lieut. Col. Johnson, 1st Cavalry; Lieut. Col. Lay, 6th Infantry; Capt Jones, 4th Infantry; First Lieut. Hill, 1st Artillery; and First Lieut Jones, Mounted Riflemen is ordered to assemble in the City of Washington, to devise and report on a hat to be worn by foot troops, instead of the one now in use; the hat to be light, healthful, and convenient. The Board is also directed to report whether they recommend the hat for foot troops only or for the whole army.

The last Army Register for 1858, issued from the Adjutant General's office, gives the grand aggregate of the army at near thirteen thousand men, rank and file; while the actual strentgh never reaches over ten thousand, rank and file, of all arms—owing to discharges, deaths, and desertions. They are distributed over seven military department, as follows: Departments of the East, West, Florida, Texas, Pacific, New Mexico and Utah.

The grand aggregate of the militia force (uniformed) of the United States, is, by the latest returns, put down at five millions.

A MONSTER MORTAR, said to be the invention in part, of the Premier of England, is thus described by one of our English exchanges: The great 36 inch mortar was lately tested at Woolwich for the second time. The huge gun is made of separate pieces of iron hooped together. It throws a shell one yard in diameter and weighing twenty-four hundred weight. Some idea of its size may be obtained from the fact that to load it, men mount to the mouth by a ladder and enter the chamber to place the charges. The shells fired on this occasion were not filled, but the mere weight of the huge ball produced tremendous effect. "At the moment of impact there is a report more seemingly powerful than the report of discharge. Nor is it quite like the noise of gunpowder-discharge either. Fancy a hundred thousand drummers to give one stroke at one and the same time, and the notion would be more fitting. Within a radius of two hundred yards the air is filled with fragments, stones, clay, turf, water, roots of trees go whirling aloft, as though a volcanic crater had suddenly belched forth." The result of the trial is called "successful," although at the fifth round the middle ring partially gave way. But it was clear that 36-inch shells could be projected nearly a mile.

From Our Boston Correspondent.

BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1858.

Editor Fireman's Journal:—I am afraid that my letter to you of this date, will be rather dry, as far as news is concerned but I shall endeavor to do my best. In my last, I sent you the elections of a number of companies, and by this letter I have several to transmit:

At the annual meeting of Eagle Engine Company No. 3, the following officers were elected: Foreman, Edward W. Milliken; Assistant ditto, George D. Chubbuck; Clerk, William H. Stackpole.

Washington Engine Company No. 1, at their annual meeting made choice of the following officers: Foreman, Charles E. Dunton, Assistant ditto Benjamin Brownell; Clerk, Thomas Brintnall.

In my last in the annual election of officers of Hose 5, you will observe that George C. Fernald was elected Assistant Foreman, but before he was accepted by the Board of Engineers, his head was cut off, for the reason that at a Fire on Washington street, it was alleged that he used disrespectful language to an Engineer.

On the morning of the 30th, William Shelton, 50 years of age, a member of Tiger Engine Company No. 7, died after a lingering illness of some months. Mr. S. was connected with the Department of Boston, for the last thirty years, and was called one of the old boys. His funeral took place at noon on the first, from St. Stephens church, and engine companies No's 2, 3, 5, and 7, together with the chief and assistant engineers, and also the Shipwright and Caulker's Association, followed his remains to the grave at Forrest Hill Cemetery.

A new company has been formed to take charge of Engine 12, who were lately disbanded for fighting. They have not yet organized.

A new company has also been organized to take charge of the apparatus of Union Hose No. 2, which was also disbanded for fighting. They have chosen the following officers: Foreman and Treasurer, M. C. Thompson, Assistant Foreman, Benjamin King, Clerk, John King, Steward, Jacob Smith.

The election of Engineers will take place this month, the committee appointed by the City Council having reported a list, with several changes.

As the election is by concurrent action of both branches of the City Council, I shall not be able this steamer to forward you the result.

During the month of January, there were eleven alarms of fires in Boston; and the loss by fire was $11,000; insurance, $8,000.

CHARLESTOWN.

In the city of Charlestown, matters pertaining to the firemen are scarce, and there is hardly anything of note transpiring. On the night of the 29th of January, the Red Jacket Hose Company No. 1, gave their fourth annual ball at Washington Hall, on which occasion eighty couple were present.—The hall was beautifully decorated with flags streamers and all the paraphernalia of the firemen; and with a No. 1 band, Gilmore's Salem Quadrille, the Red Jacket's spent a gay and pleasant night.

This month, February, promises to be a lively one among the dancing portion of the firemen and that includes all. No less than four companies have issued their circulars, and notwithstanding the cry of hard times, the boys are determined to enjoy themselves.

The Board of Engineers are about giving Howard Engine Company No. 3, a new engine. One of Button's make is desired, but it is not decided whether Button or Hunneman will have the contract.

The firemen of Charlestown are held high in the estimation of all, more especially the ladies. At a special meeting of Washington Engine Company No. 5, held on the evening of the first, Benjamin Gardner was elected Foreman, *vice* George E. Rogers resigned Before the company concluded the business pertaining to the meeting, the engine room was taken possesion of by about fifty ladies, who composed a surprise party, laden with good things in the shape of eatables and proceeded to set tables preparatory for a supper, which was done in a very short time, and an hour was spent at the tables in a very agreeable manner, speeches being made by the Chief and Assistant Engineers and others. The engine room and hall were soon cleaned and with the aid of a piano, which had been brought in for the occasion, and a cotillion band, several hours were spent in a pleasant manner. I can safely say that it is not every company or department in any place, that has lady friends of this kind.

During the month of January, there were eight alarms of fire in Charlestown, all of which were from trivial causes. There was no fire during the month.

CAMBRIDGE.

The fire department in this city for the past month, has been in rather a disorganized state, but are getting over it. The Board of Alderman passed an order prohibiting any person who was not a member of the department to render assistance. This was to the idea of members outrageous, and a disbandment was talked of. One company was nearly to a man in favor of disbanding, and when the foreman informed the members that before so doing, it was necessary for them to spudge up $5 apiece to pay the bills, it took the starch right out of them, they couldn't stand the pressure, and finally came to the conclusion that they would *not* leave. The companies have since decided to adhere to the order, and no person is allowed to touch the ropes or brakes, unless he is a member. This is done in order to let those persons who think forty men enough for a large engine, see the mistake. Sixty men is not too many for the place as they have many fires, and the streets are rather hard. They have had several alarms since they agreed to enforce the order and in several instances the engines were not taken out of the house.

The annual election of officers of the Cambridge department took place in January with the following result:

Cambridge Engine Company No. 1—Foreman, S. Lenfest, Jr.; First Assistant, H. M Tyler; Second ditto, C. H. Bate; Clerk, B. A. Follansbee; Steward J. D. Parker.

Union No. 2—Foreman, G. H. Copeland; First Assistant, W. H. Davis Second Assistant, John Walker; Clerk, Hamilton Moses; Steward, E. A. Brown.

Niagara No. 3—Foreman, Alexander Frazier; First Assistant, Edward B. Kingsly; Second Assistant Edward H. Dwyer; Clerk, Frederick Goodfellow; Steward, Geo. W. Southwick.

No. 4—C. L. Russell, Foreman; G. W. Smith, First Assistant; L. F. McKenny, Second Assistant; Henry Newman, Clerk; A. J. Osborn, Steward.

No. 6—F. W. Hagar, Foreman; C. L. Skelton, First Assistant; T. Casey, Second Assistant; C. Morris, Jr. Clerk; J. P. Brown, Steward.

Engine No. 5, has no company. Engine Company No. 7, is an independent company. No. 3's company is a new one, the Board of Aldermen, by some peculiar process discharged about twenty of the members without even giving them a hearing.

A fire of a small nature occurred at Cambridgeport, on the afternoon of the 31st, and some of the companies walked to the fire. They would let none but members help them. Since that time, Engine Company No. 6, has been disbanded and it is thought thers will follow.

ROXBURY.

During the year ending Jan. 31st, 1858, there were fifty-nine alarms of fire in Roxbury, of which number twenty-seven were fires in that city; twenty-two false alarms, and ten from fires out of the city. The loss by fire during the same period was $28.025; insurance $17,100.

On the night of the 29th of January, America Engine Company No. 2, of Roxbury, gave their annual ball, which was attended by one hundred and sixty couple. It was one of the parties of the season.

CHELSEA.

On the night of Jan. 22d, the members of Hamilton Engine Company No. 4, of Chelsea, together with their ladies, sat down to their annual supper.

Several hours were spent in a manner worthy of the occasion after which dancing commenced and was continued until a late hour the next morning.

RED JACKET.

TUCKER'S.—At the immense jewelry establishment of J. W. Tucker, No. 125 Montgomery street, between Sacramento and Commercial, may be found every description of watches and jewelry manufactured. The watches sold by Mr. T. are from the houses of the most noted makers in the world, and their correctness as timekeepers is indisputable.—The various designs of jewelry, from the plainest to the most highly ornamented, may be procured here, and the prices charged for the different articles are very reasonable. Persons having specimens of gold, and who wish to have watch cases manufactured therefrom, can be accomodated by Mr. Tucker, as he has a great number of works on hand, including all the new and improved patterns lately gotten out at the East and in Europe A large supply of silver and plated ware has recently been added to the stock, from which purchasers may make selections, and as it is all of sterling metal, and elegant workmanship, we are assured that an investment will never be regreted.

A SINGULAR STREAM.—There is said to be a stream emptying in the Shasta Valley, about twenty miles west of the Great Butte, which possesses the singular property of encrusting everything which falls into its waters with a complete coat of stone. Flowers, leaves, grass, pine buds, and things of that sort, will become completely enameled in the course of a week or so, retainingin the process their natural form.

A RACE.—A scrub race took place yesterday afternoon, above Tenth street and below the R street levee, between a black and brown horse.—The distance run was 440 yards, and the black, which was a Sacramento horse, came out far ahead of his competitor.

"THE CRAMPON" is the name of a false or outer shoe to prevent horses from slipping in frosty weather, invented by a Mr. Aelli, of France. It is readily buckled on and taken off the hoof without removing the shoe, and will last for years It supersedes the very inconvenient method of what is termed "roughing" now in use. It has been tried by veterinary surgeons in England, and has met with their entire approval.

MONUMENTAL 6.—The members of Engine Company 6, are having made a new set of wheels for their small engine, the "Telegraph." The necessary funds has been collected by subscription in the company, as the *impoverished* city of San Francisco cannot "stand the pres."

VOLUNTEER No. 7.—The members of Volunteer No. 7, have sent in a petition to the Board of Supervisors, asking that the city purchase for their use, the engine lately imported by Mr. J. C. Lane. The petition was referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to participate in the celebration consequent upon the inauguration of the new hospital of the French Mutual Benevolent Association, to take place on Monday next.

TIGER 14.—The hose carriage of Tiger 14 is now at Ottignon's shop, being repaired and repainted for service with the new engine.

Trout are said to abound in the headwaters of the San Antonio, below the falls, some of which weigh over two pounds.

R. R, BALLS,

GUNSMITH & MACHINIST,

Washington Street, SONORA,

GIVE Notice that he has constantly on hand and for sale genuine GUNS, RIFLES, and PISTOLS, imported direct from the most celebrated manufactories, together with all the materials necessary to the equipment of sportsmen, among which may be found genuine **Derringer Pistols**, and a large assortment of English Dueling and Colt's Pistols.

All the new inventions in Wadding and Caps are received as soon as put in market in the East. Repairing Fire Arms performed in all its branches.

In his shop is a Rifle and Pistol Gallery, wherein those who are disposed to practice or to try their arms are respectfully invited.

Locks repaired and keys fitted. Printing presses repaired, also the strictest attention paid to gas gitting in all its branches. au22-tf

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ **Notice is hereby given, that, in consequence** of the consolidation of the Liverpool and London Fire Insurance Company and the Monarch Fire Insurance Company, the business of the two Agencies is vested in the undersigned.

WILLIAM LANE BOOKER, Esq., the late Agent of the Monarch, will continue to receive applications for Insurance, for which policies will be issued at this Agency.

J. P. HAVEN & W. B. JOHNSON.

San Francisco, Jan. 16, 1858. jan 23-2wis.

☞ **L. J. CZAPKAY.**—We would direct the especia attention of Invalids to the perusal of Dr. L. J. Czapkay's advertisement, to be found in another column of this paper to place the services of a learned and experienced Physician within their reach. So much ill has been inflicted on the human family from the pernicious and ignorant practices of empirics, that it seems as if we were fulfilling a bounden duty to make kuown where relief can be obtained.

To those unfortunate enough to suffer from the effects of sexual or private diseases, or their ill-treatment, we cheerfully recommend Dr. L. J. Czapkay as a man of rare scientific and medical acquirements,—possessing all the requirements, from long experience and acknowledged skill for the successful practice of his profession. Having made sexual complaints his especial study, like the celebrated Ricord, of Paris, he is enabled to guarantee speedy cures in all cases of private or chronic disease—whether the effect of contagion self abuse or loss of virility: and in order that patients at a distance may avail themselves of his advice, free consultation by letter is open to them. The knowledge we have of the numerous cures he has effected, some of which were of long standing, leads us to place much faith in Dr. C.'s efficacy, and commend him to the confidence of those in ill health.—*Union.* aug30

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRE ENGINE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE. The Side Stroke Engine now in use by Tiger Engine Company No. 14, Cylinders 7½ by 9½ inches. She is in perfect order, and well calculated to do excellent service. Apply to

CALEB CLAPP,

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ATWILL'S PIONEER MUSIC STORE

TOYS FOR CHILDREN

☞ Wholesale and Retail dealers are invited to examine our extensive stock of

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AND

FANCY GOODS,

☞ Our Second Story is filled with Goods, exclusively designed for WHOLESALE ORDERS, and country dealers will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

Our Agent in NEW YORK is continually supplying us with all the NOVELTIES of EUROPE and AMERICA.

Goods carefully packed and promptly shipped.

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172 Washington Street, San Francisco.

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148 Montgomery Street,

BETWEEN CLAY AND MERCHANT STREETS, San Francisco.

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JOHN RODGERS & SON,

MANUFACTURERS OF

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No. 48 N. HIGH ST. BALTIMORE.

The undersigned are now engaged in manufacturing Fire Engines with end or side stroke, adapted to different localities, Hose Carriages constructed with two or four wheels; Hook and Ladder Trucks, Hose and Screws, Leather Sucking Tubes, Torches, Fire Buckets &c. Also Fire Plugs, Stop Cocks or Valves of every size and most approved construction, with other articles relative to Water and Gas Works, Steam Engines and Machinery, surpassed by none in efficiency and Workmanship.—Second Hand Apparatus for sale.

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EMPIRE STATE

DINING SALOON,

NO. 144 CLAY STREET,

BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND SANSOME STS., SAN FRANCISCO.

Ja9-tf J. H. SQUIER, Proprietor.

Washington Restaurant,

MAIN STREET JACKSON

The undersigned begs leave to announce to the citizens of this place, and the public generally that they have taken the well known Washington Restaurant and fitted it up in a style unsurpassed in the country. An experienced *Chef de Cuisine* has been employed; the best, and nothing but the best the market affords will be constantly provided; and the proprietor pledges himself that the establishment shall be conducted to the complete satisfaction of all in every respect.

A LODGING DEPARTMENT.

Is connected where good clean beds, in good rooms can always be had.

☞ The Railroad Line of Stages stop at this house. Passengers called for by all stages running out of Jackson.

Single Meals.....50
Lodging.....50

This house is open at all hours of the day and night, and at least one of the proprietors in waiting. Meals furnished at any hour desired.

The proprietors solicit a share of the public patronage.

Ja9-tf A. R. KELLEY.

PRICE REDUCED TO ONLY $1,50!!!

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ELECTRO CHEMICAL BATHS.

THEY REMOVE FROM THE HUMAN system, Mercury in all its forms, and all other mineral poisons administered by drug doctors, by accident or by pursuing unfavorable callings; the almost universal causes of heumatism, stiff joints, weak and lame backs, neuralgia, difficulties of the stomach, lungs, etc., and consequently effect speedy and permanent cures in all these diseases.

They equalize the nervous fluid, strengthen the entire nervous system, produce delightful sensations of quiet and repose, increase the natural warmth, and are in fact the most LUXURIOUS BATH which has ever been devised.

They may be taken by persons in perfect health; and all persons of sedentary habits, both male and female, should take from two to three per month, and would do so were their virtues and benefits once tested.

They are so invigorating that cold or stormy weather should not prevent taking them; in fact, persons in delicate health should take them at such times, as they impart warmth and strength to the system.

They are administered under the constant supervision of Dr. Bourne, and not entrusted to boys or inexperienced persons. They require great care and attention and it is given.

☞ Ladies are informed that these Baths clear and improve the complexion of the skin, rendering it softer and smoother. A lady is constantly in attendance to wait upon ladies.

There is no shock whatever, nor any painful sensations. The most delicate or robust, young or old, male or female, may take them in perfect safety, as Dr. Bourne regulates them to suit each case.

They are administered ONLY by DR. BOURNE, who has constantly employed them for over a year, with pre-eminent success.

Southeast corner of Sansome and Commercial streets, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel San Francisco.

☞ The Effects of Poison Oak REMOVED in a few hours, or a day or two at most, in almost all cases.

Fever and Ague is positively cured better and quicker than by any other means.

The most inveterate cases of Dyspepsia permanently cured (not patched up) in from six weeks.

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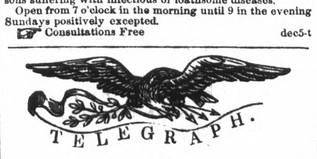
Open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 9 in the evening Sundays positively excepted.

☞ Consultations Free dec5-1



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ANDREW J. REED, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has opened a Saloon on Brenham Place, (next to the Monumental Engine House,) which he has stocked with the finest assortment of wines, liquors and cigars, that can be found in the city. Polite and attentive barkeepers, constantly in attendance. All who give him a call, may be assured their wants will be properly attended to. **ANDREW J. REED,**

dec26 tf Telegraph Saloon, Brenham Place.

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DR. L. J. CZAPKAY'S

Grand Medical and Surgical Institute,

Sacramento street, below Montgomery, opposite Pacific Mail Steamship Company's office, San Francisco.

ESTABLISHED IN 1854, FOR THE PERMANENT CURE OF ALL PRIVATE AND CHRONIC DISEASES, AND THE SUPPRESSION OF QUACKERY.

Attending and Resident Physician,

L. J. CZAPKAY, M. D.

Late in the Hungarian Revolutionary War, Chief Physician to the 20th Regiment of Honveds, Chief Surgeon to the Military Hospital of Pesth, Hungary, and late Lecturer on Diseases of Women and Children.

Communications strictly confidential.

Consultations, by letter or otherwise, free.

Address DR. L. J. CZAPKAY,

San Francisco, Cal.

TO THE AFFLICTED—DR. L. J. CZAPKAY, would most respectfully inform the public of California that he continues to be consulted at his institute, for the cure of Chronic diseases of the Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, digestive and genital organs, and all private diseases, viz: Syphilitic ulcers, gonorrhœa, gleet, strictures, seminal weakness and all the horrid consequences of self abuse, and he hopes that his long experience and successful practice of many years will ensure him a share of public patronage. By the practice of many years in Europe and the United States, and during the Hungarian war and campaigns, he is enabled to apply the most efficient and successful remedies against diseases of all kinds. He uses no mercury charges moderate—treats his patients in a correct and honorable way—has references of unquestionable veracity from men of known respectability and high standing in society. All parties consulting him, by letter or otherwise, will receive the best and gentlest treatment, and implicit secrecy.

REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF MEDICAL RELIEF Below we publish the certificates of two of the sufferers from the pangs of disease, who having recovered their former health, and impelled by gratitude make known their cases and remedial agent and their statements are authenticated by a Notary Public. The demands of society imperiously command their perusal of all afflicted:

CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, desirous of acquainting those who may be unfortunate enough to be similarly afflicted, where a permanent relief of their suffering may be obtained, feels it his duty to thus publicly express his most sincere gratitude to Dr. L. J. Czapkay, for the permanent recovery of his health. Borne down by the distressing symptoms incident to the vicious practice of uncontrollable passion in youth, depressed in body and mind, unable to perform even the most trifling duty imposed upon the daily avocations of life I sought the advice of many physicians, who at first regarded my disease of trifling importance—but alas! after a few weeks, and in several instances months, of their treatment, I found to my unutterable horror that, instead of relief, the symptoms became more alarming in their torture; and, being told by one that my disease being confined principally to the brain, medicine would be of little consequence, I despaired of ever regaining my health, strength and energy; and as a last resort, and with but a faint hope, called upon Dr. Czapkay, who after examining my case, prescribed some medicine which almost instantaneously relieved me of the dull pain and dizziness in my head.—Encouraged by this result, I resolved to place myself immediately under his care, and by a strict obedience to his directions and advice, my head became clear, my ideas collected, the constant pain in my back and groins the weakness of my limbs, the nervous reaction of my whole body on the slightest alarm or excitement, the misanthropy and evil forebodings, the self distrust and want of confidence in others, the incapacity to study, and want of resolution, the frightful, exciting and at times pleasurable dreams at night, followed by involuntary discharges, have all disappeared; and in fact in two months after having consulted the Doctor I felt as if inspired by new life—that life which, but a short time ago, I contemplated to end by my own hand.

With a view to guard the unfortunate from the snares of incompetent quacks, I deem it my duty to offer this testimony to the merit and skill of Dr. Czapkay and recommend him to all who may stand in need of medical advice being assured by my own personal experience, that once under his care, a radical and permanent cure will be effected.

B. F. FILLMORE.

State of California, county of San Francisco. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1856.

(Signed.) JOHN MIDDLETON, [L. S.]

Notary Public.

CARD.

I, the undersigned, having been under the treatment of Dr. L. J. Czapkay, although unsolicited, feel called upon to give publicity to the efficacy of his treatment, hoping that by doing so, I may be instrumental in preventing others from the fearful suffering and misery which I experienced and which so often result from the pernicious practice of pretenders. My disease has been that of physical and mental debility which follows in consequence of the indiscretion in youth. The agonies which I endured are, perhaps unnecessary for me to detail; they are known to those who have experienced them. Suffice it to say, that having called the services of Dr. L. J. Czapkay into requisition, all my expectations which I may have formed of him were more than realized. I would therefor, recommend Dr. Czapkay to all who may find themselves afflicted with that dreadful malady, my object in doing so being sympathy for suffering humanity, and a heartfelt desire of relieving them. D. J. DAHLEE, Printer.

State of California, city and county of San Francisco, ss. On this thirty-first day of July A. D. 1856, before me, Wm. C. Jewett, personally appeared D. J. Dahlee, known to me who, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that the contents of the card herewith signed by him is true.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written. W. C. Jewett, [L. S.]

Notary Public.

SPERMATORRHŒA, OR LOCAL WEAKNESS, Nervous Debility, Low Spirits, Lassitude, Weakness of the Limbs and Back, Indisposition and Incapability for Labor and Study, Dullness of Apprehension, loss of memory, aversion to society, love of solitude, timidity, self-distrust, dizziness, headache, involuntary discharges, pains in the side, affections of the eyes, pimples on the face, sexual and other infirmities in man, are cured without fail by the justly celebrated Physician and Surgeon Dr L. J. Czapkay. His method of curing diseases is new (unknown to others,) and hence his great success. All consultations, by letter or otherwise free. Address L. J. Czapkay, M. D., San Francisco, California.

DR. L. J. CZAPKAY'S PRIVATE MEDICAL AND Surgical Institute is on Sacramento street below Montgomery, opposite the Pacific Mail Steamship Co's office, San Francisco. The Doctor offers a free consultation, and asks no remuneration unless he effects a cure. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CERTIFICATE.

I, the undersigned, Governor of Hungary, do testify hereby, that Dr. L. J. Czapkay has served during the contest for Hungarian liberty, as Chief Surgeon in the Hungarian army, with faithful perseverance—whereof I have given him this certificate and do recommend him to the sympathy and protection of all those who are capable of appreciating patriotic self sacrifice, and undeserved misfortune, KOSSUTH LAJOS,

Governor of Hungary.

Washington City, Jan 6th, 1852.

PRIVATE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSTITUTE.—DR. L. J. CZAPKAY has opened his Institute for the cure of all forms of disease—such as Syphilis, Gonorrhœa, Nocturnal Emissions, and all the consequences of self abuse. In the first stages of Syphilitic Gonorrhœal diseases, he guarantees a cure in a few days, without inconvenience to the patient or hindrance to his business. When a patient, by neglect or improper treatment, has developed the secondary symptoms of Syphilis, such as buboes or painful swellings on the groins, or ulcers in the throat and nose, which, if not checked, destroy the soft parts and cause the bones to mortify, seperate and come away leaving the sufferer an object hideous to behold; or when he has painful swelling upon the bones, or when his constitution is injured so as to pre-dispose to consumption or other constutional disease, the Doctor guarantees a cure or asks no compensation

In Rheumatism, chronic or acute; in Dysentery or Diarrhœa, he has safe and effectual remedies. For the treatment of the consequences of self abuse, such as nocturnal emissions, nervousness, timidity, headache, pains in the back and limbs, with general weakness, loss of appetite, loss of memory, injury to the sight, restlessness, confusion of ideas, dislike for society, and a feeling of weariness of life; with the nervous system so excitable that slight noises shock or startle the patient, making his existence miserable. For the above maladies the Doctor will guarantee a cure or ask no compensation. He can be consulted free of charge, and invites all to call, as it will cost them nothing and may be much to their advantage.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF THE AGE—Great blessing to mankind!—Innocence but potent!—Dr. L. J. Czapkay's Prophylacticum, (self disinfecting agent,) a sure preventitive against Gonorrhœal and Syphilitic diseases, and an unsurpassed remedy for all venereal scrofulous, gangrenous and cancerous ulcers, fœtid discharges from vagina, uterus and urethe, and all cutaneous eruptions and diseases. As innoculation is a sure preventitive against small pox, so is Dr. L. J. Czapkay's prophylacticum a preventitive against Syphilitic and Gonorrhœal diseases.—Harmless in itself, it possesses the power of chemically destroying the syphilitic virus, and thereby saving thousands of debauchees from being infected by the most loathsome of all diseases. Let no young man who appreciates health be without Dr. Czapkay's Prophilacticum. It is in very convenient packages, and will be found convenient for use, being used as a soap. Price, $5. For sale at L. J. Czapkay's Private Medical and Surgical Institute, Sacramento st., below Montgomery, opposite P. M. Co.'s office San Francisco.

All letters must be addressed to L. J. Czapkay, M. D., San Francisco.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRE ENGINE MANUFACTORY.

WM. JEFFERS & CO.,

Having materially enlarged their manufactory and otherwise increased their business facilities, are now prepared to build

FIRE ENGINES

Of any desired size, capacity and style, at as short notice as any builders in the country, and warrant their machines to be as well constructed, to throw as much water, according to capacity, to be kept in perfect working order at as small an expense, and to be easily worked by as small a number of men, as those from any other establishment in the country.

We build **End and Side Stroke Engines**, each with a changeable stroke, which can be altered at a fire in eight seconds, to suit the power of any number of men, from 15 to 44.

Our Engines will throw 4 gallons of water at a stroke on the largest capacity—will draught water 28 feet of Suction Hose, and throw it 180 feet horizontal, and we have never built an End Stroke but what has thrown 200 feet horizontal from end of nozzle. They will throw 4 streams each 100 feet high at the same time, force the water through 500 feet of Leading Hose, and throw it 130 feet perpendicular, or through 1000 feet of Hose, and throw it 100 feet perpendicular.

The End Strokes draught the water behind and discharge 2 streams on each side, and are built, when wanted, with the forward wheels to turn under the body, in order to turn short, and block the Engine when working.

The Side Strokes draught the water behind and discharge 3 streams, or more, at the front end. Both End and Side Strokes carry Suction attached, so that they can be put to work in one minute.

Corporations or Companies in want of ENGINES, are invited to give us a call, as we are now prepared to build such machines as may be wanted for duty in cities or towns.

Our prices for machines, and terms of payment, we hope to make as favorable as those of other builders. In regard to the

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Parties ordering the same, can have their own tastes gratified.

HOSE CARRIAGES OF EVERY STYLE AND THE BEST QUALITY OF HOSE.

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Manufactures Fire Engines of every description, for Cities Towns, Plantations and Factories, with all the latest improvements, and every thing appertaining to the same. From long experience in the business he feels confident of the ability to execute all orders in a satisfactory manner.

Having no Agents abroad, persons wanting any thing in his line will please address their order as above. Any information required will be promptly communicated by letter. ja9-tf

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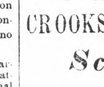

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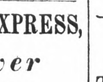

THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD INVITE attention to their establishment for the manufacture of Fire Engines, Hose, Hose Reels, and Fire Apparatus.

They have a large Factory, well stocked with tools arranged expressly for the business, and being practical mechanics with more than twenty years experience in Engine building, thereby obtaining a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of the business, they feel confident of their ability to furnish a *better* article than can be found elsewhere. They warrant all their work to give general satisfaction to the purchasers on delivery and trial, or no sale, and also to remain in good order for one year without expense to the purchaser, if well used. The workmanship, models and proportions, durability and power of their machines stand unrivalled. In proof of this they beg leave to submit the following well authenticated facts, which are selected from a large number of similar performances:

In 1850, at Troy, the Good Intent Engine No. 13 of Troy, beat 9 Engines on quantity, receiving a Silver Trumpet awarded by the Rensselaer County Agricultural Society to the *best engine*.

In 1854, at Hartford, Conn. the Pacific of Chicopee; played 174 feet high through 400 feet of hose, and the Holyoke, of Holyoke 172 feet high, receiving the first and second prizes and beating 22 engines. In 1855, at Springfield Mass. the Bay State, of Westfield, was awarded the first prize of $300, for beating upwards of 30 engines in playing through 400 feet of hose. In the same year, at Waterloo, N. Y., the Franklin of Geneva, took the first prize on quantity, and the Niagara of Chicago, took the the first do. on distance. In 1856, at New Haven, Conn., the Rippowam of Stamford was awarded the first prize of five hundred dollars for beating 25 engines in playing through 450 feet of hose. In 1857 at Hartford, Conn., the Pacific, of Chicopee, took the first prize, the Mayflower of North Bridgewater, the second, the Collinsville of Collinsville, the fifth, the Holyoke of Holyoke, the seventh, and the Cataract, of Poughkeepsie, the eighth prize, where 39 Engines were tested, and only nine of them built by L. Button & Co. At Elmira, Sept. 1st, the Franklin, of Geneva, beat all competitors, playing an inch pipe 194 feet, through 400 feet of hose for which according to the advertised terms of the trial, it was entitled to a prize of five hundred dollars. At Rockford, Illinois, October 30, the Winnebago played an inch stream 221 feet before a committee of the Rockford County Agricultural Society. In Chicago, the Niagara has played 1325 gallons of water through 400 feet of hose in four minutes, and the Eagle No. 7 has played 208 feet from the end of an inch pipe through 500 feet of hose. Neither of these feats have ever been equalled, so far as we know; the Franklin, of Geneva having come the nearest to it, by playing 1256 gallons through 400 feet of hose in four minutes, and 205 feet through 500 feet of hose with an inch pipe.

All the victorious Engines named above were built by L. BUTTON & CO.

We might go on almost indefinitely, with this list, but we think enough has been said to prove that we claim nothing that has not been fairly awarded to us.

BUTTON & BLAKE, Successors of L. Button & Co., fe7-6m Waterford, Sar. Co., N. Y.

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Warm and cold Sea Baths—Swimming BATHS, and all kinds of MINERAL and ARTIFICIAL BATHS for the Lungs and many other Diseases, on

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The first and only Sea Bathing place on the Pacific Ocean where every convenience is found, in the latest style, for the accomodation of Bathers and Invalids.

There is also attached a Warm Sea Bath, for Laidies of the Hebrew faith, where they can bathe according to their religion, and which is connected with the sea.

This institution has now been in operation one year, and it has not only satisfied the expectations of the public, but has far exceeded the anticipations of the proprietor. The throng of sufferers and bathers has increased daily, in consequence, the bathing facilities have been extended and enlarged, and several important improvements have been made. Each bather has a separate room, where he can be properly cooled and rested.

The use of the Sea Baths is not a palliative, but a positive remedy It takes the disease at the root and eradicate it effectually Hundreds of patients who used these baths according to the proper directions, have been healed and some diseases that have baffled all other remedies, have been cured by the use of these baths in a short time.

Every kind of malady can be cured by using these baths, and it is unnecessary to enumerate them here.

In connection with the bathing establishment, is a HOTEL, containing a great many rooms elegantly fitted up for patients and bathers, and where they can lodge and receive medical aid and attendance. Merchants and Miners who visit San Francisco, either on business or on account of sickness should not fail to go directly to the SEA BATH HOTEL, before they fall into the hands of the many quacks teat abound in San Francisco.

Ladies and gentlemen patronizing my establishment will find neatly furnished parlors where every attention will be paid; and to bathers the utmost care will be rendered by polite female and male servants. These baths in connection with the Sea Water Douche, will perform wonders, and as the price for their use, and lodgings at the Hotel, is only from $2 50 to $5 per day, its benefits and blessings are alike accessible to the poor as well as the rich.

To convince the people of California that there is no humbuggery about the institution, I will hereto append one of my cards of thanks that have been sent to me:

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To the Members of the San Francisc Fire Department.

We, the undersigned, a special Monumental and Cemetery Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of this Fire Department, inform you that a book of subscription is now opened at the office of H. A. COBB, Nos. 100 and 102 Montgomery street, for the purpose of receiving donations to aid in fencing the FIREMAN'S CEMETERY and erecting a permanent MONUMENT to our deceased brothers, who perished in discharging their duties as firemen.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
G. H. HOSSEFROSS,
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St. Mary's Hospital, Stockton street, East side, between Broadway and Vallejo streets.

Jefferson Hotel, Commercial street, opposite Union Theatre.

Nos. 210 and 212 Kearny street, East side, between Jackson and Pacific.

Buildings rear of 298 Stockton street, East side, opposite Virginia Block.

Brick building on Ohio street, West side, between Broadway and Pacific.

California Hotel, corner Dupont and Commercial treets.

Brick building No 184 Washington street.

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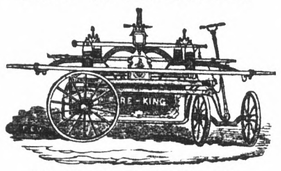

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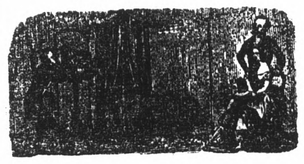

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